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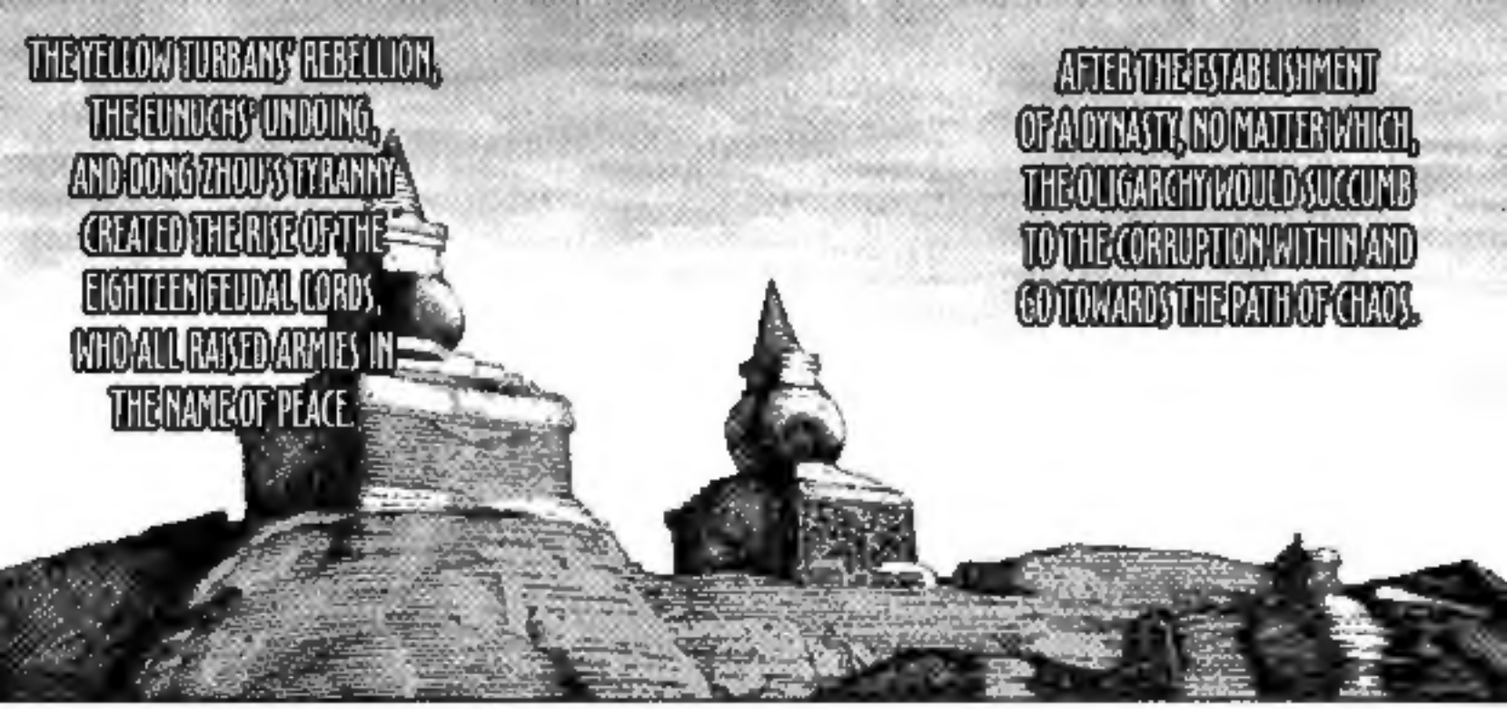
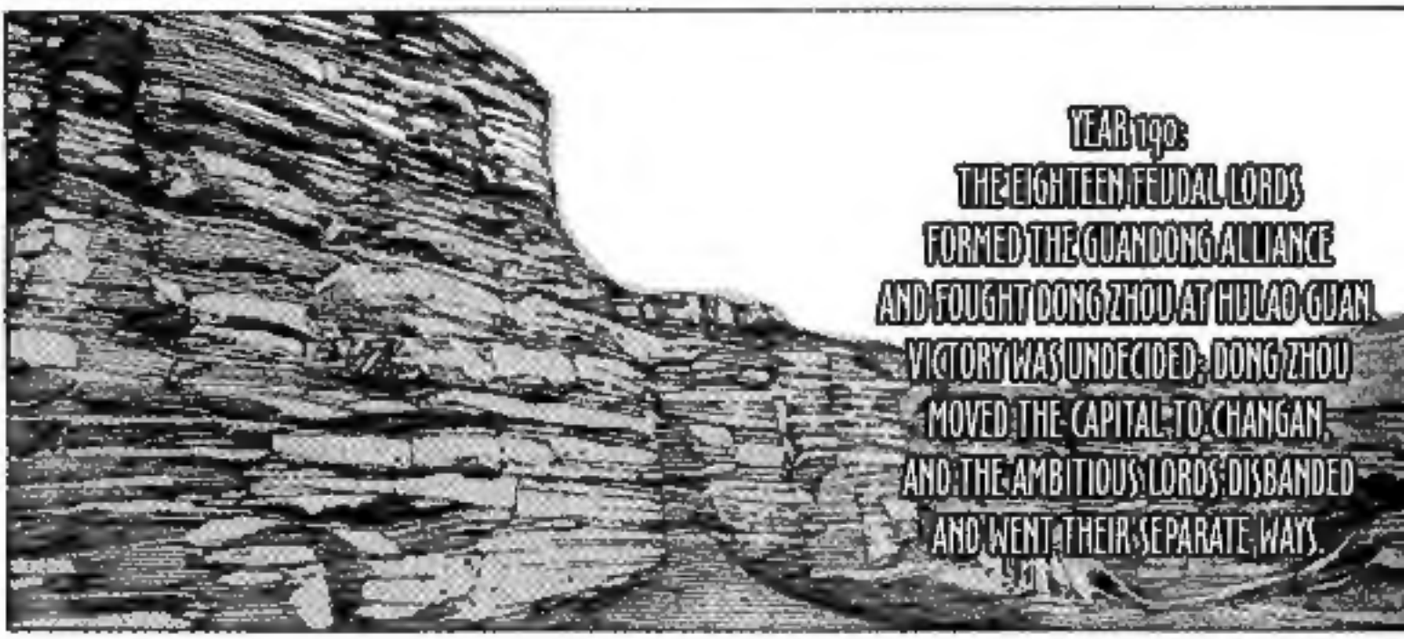
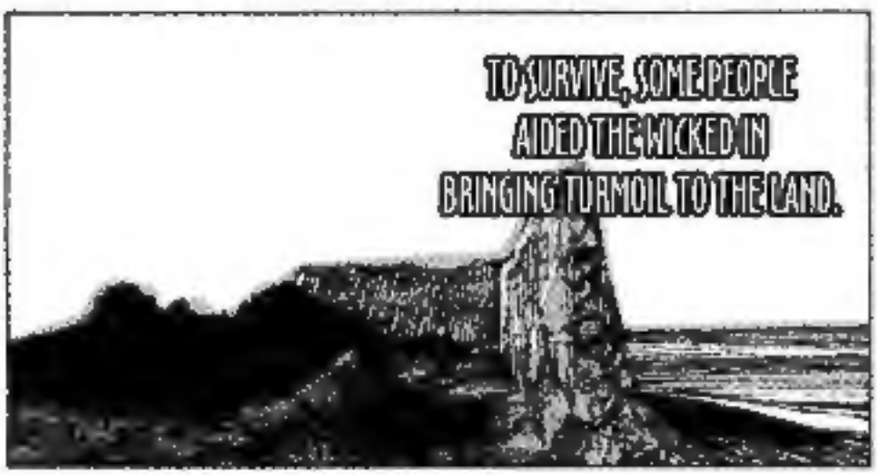
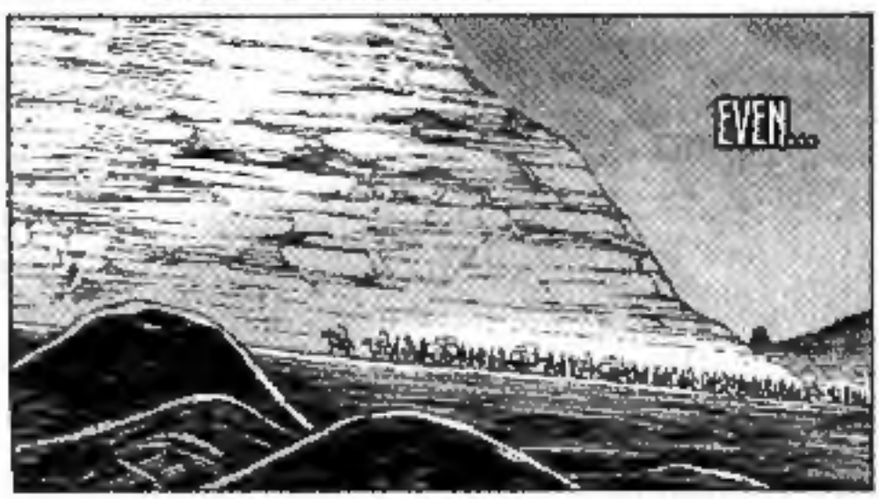

THE YELLOW TURBANS' REBELLION, THE EUNUCHS' UNDOING, AND DONG ZHOU'S TYRANNY CREATED THE RISE OF THE EIGHTEEN FEUDAL LORDS, WHO ALL RAISED ARMIES IN THE NAME OF PEACE.
AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DYNASTY, NO MATTER WHICH, THE OLIGARCHY WOULD SUCCUMB TO THE CORRUPTION WITHIN AND GO TOWARDS THE PATH OF CHAOS.


YEAR 190:
THE EIGHTEEN FEUDAL LORDS FORMED THE GUANDONG ALLIANCE AND FOUGHT DONG ZHOU AT HULAO GUAN. VICTORY WAS UNDECIDED; DONG ZHOU MOVED THE CAPITAL TO CHANGAN, AND THE AMBITIOUS LORDS DISBANDED AND WENT THEIR SEPARATE WAYS.


TO SURVIVE, SOME PEOPLE AIDED THE WICKED IN BRINGING TURMOIL TO THE LAND.


EVEN...

LOYALTY AND JUSTICE DIED IN THIS ERA...

CHAPTER 51 REPUGNANT INSECTS & THE EMPIRE

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LIAOYUAN GONGZI SAYS IT'S SAFE TO MOVE AHEAD.
ALL RIGHT.
REPORTING!
WITH THE WORLD IN CHAOS, THERE ARE BANDITS EVERYWHERE. I WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE SUCH SIDE ROADS TO REACH CHANGAN.
THE EMPIRE HAS LOST ITS INFLUENCE; THE LAND HAS BECOME LAWLESS; WARLORDS LAY CLAIM TO THEIR OWN TERRITORY AND DISREGARD THE PEOPLE. TO SURVIVE, PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING.
I'VE HEARD THAT THE REBUILDING OF LUOYANG HAS BEGUN, AND THE SIMA FAMILY IS SUPERVISING THE CONSTRUCTION. IT MUST BE BUSY!
YOU FOUND OUT AS WELL?
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE SIMA CLAN, WE'D BE IN THE SAME SITUATION.

TOO BAD THE BIGGEST TREE IS SWAYED BY THE WIND...
SINCE THE FIGHTING BEGAN, HENEI'S THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES ARE BEING TAKEN CARE OF BY THE SIMA CLAN.
WELL, THERE ARE NO WORRIES ABOUT GETTING FED AND CLOTHED; I MEANT THE RELATIONSHIP HAS BECOME PRETTY CLOSE!
YOU MEAN LUU BU?
THAT GUY'S INTENTIONS ARE UNPREDICTABLE AND HE'S AS GREEDY AS HELL.
LET'S HOPE THIS MISSION AND THIS CARAVAN OF OFFERINGS WILL EASE HIS DESIRE FOR REVENGE!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS LOOKING AT?
NO... NOTHING.

IT'S JUST YOUR "BEAUTY" IS A LITTLE TOO DISTRACTING.
WANG GANG, YOU LOOK A LITTLE STRANGE...
TO TELL THE TRUTH, EVEN I DON'T BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE A MAN.
I'VE HEARD YOU'VE JUST BECOME A FATHER?
ONE BOUNCING BABY IS NOT ENOUGH. MY TARGET IS TEN. ARE YOU ENVIOUS?
SCREW YOU,* MY WIFE IS A HUNDRED TIMES MORE GENTLE, COMPARED TO YOUR "FEROCITY"; I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SURVIVE.
MAYBE YOU'VE BECOME "ATTRACTED" TO ME?

*NOTE: LITERALLY "GO AWAY, YOU!"

*AFTER THE UNREST, EUNUCHS WERE PERSECUTED AND THEIR STATUS FELL.

*LITERALLY "THE TRACE IS GETTING DARKER AND DARKER"

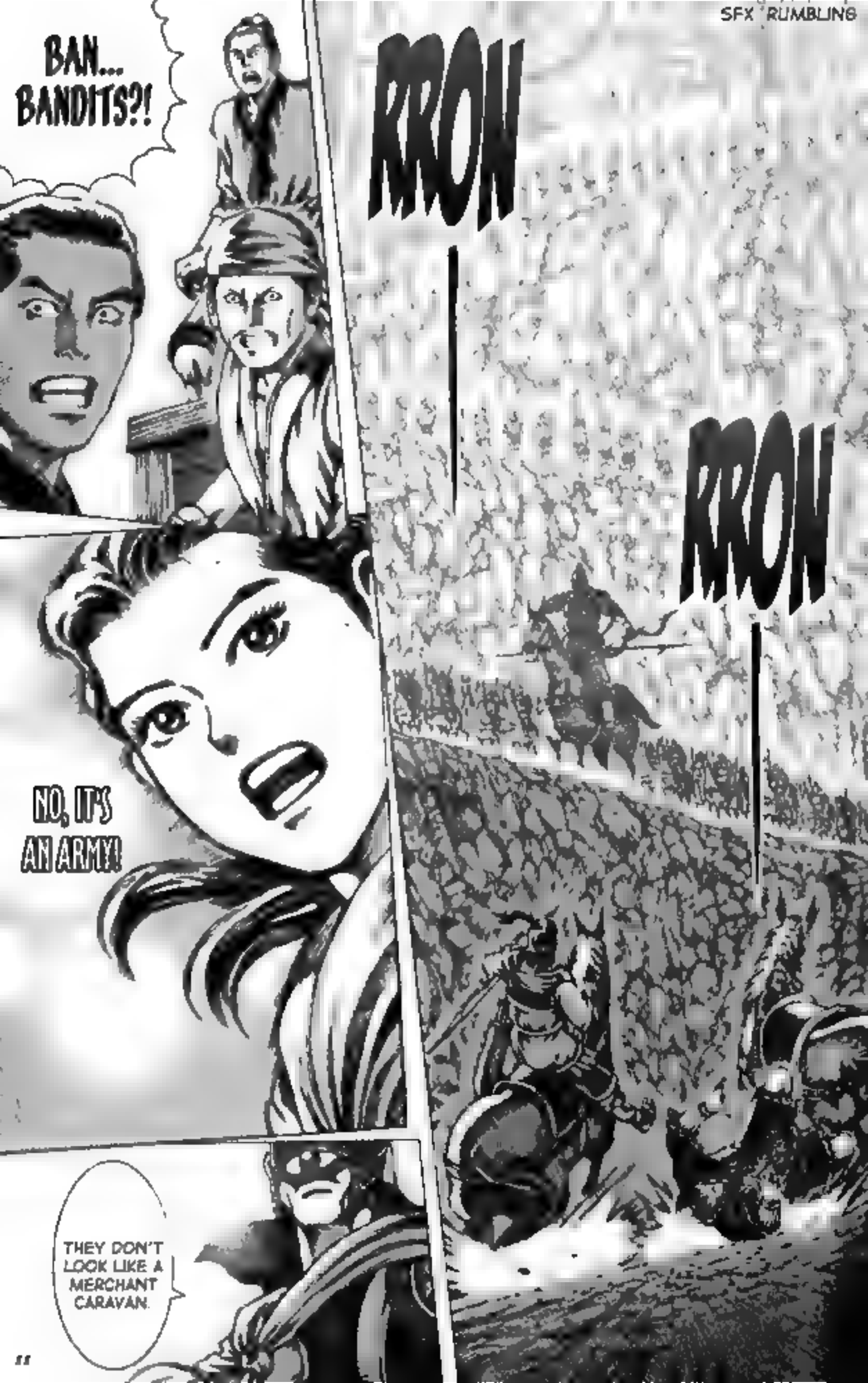
I REALLY NEED A WET NURSE, AND YOU...
RIGHT, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU FOR HELP, MY WIFE'S* HEALTH HAS ALWAYS BEEN POOR AND HER MILK ISN'T SUFFICIENT,
BUT I'M QUITE GOOD AT TAKING CARE OF KIDS.

*NOTE: HE REFERS TO HIS WIFE AS "LOWLY" FOR ETIQUETTE.

*NOTE: EXPLETIVE IS "HIS MOTHER". THE "HIS" WAS OMITTED.

YOU'RE MISTAKEN! HELP!
MY ANGER DOES NOT EASILY DISSIPATE! DIE!
I THINK THE DEPUTY CHIEF IS ASKING HIM TO HELP HIM FIND A WET NURSE!
GUO ANG WAS RIGHT, YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WITH XIAO MENG'S TEMPERAMENT; NOW THE DEPUTY CHIEF IS...

TSH
!
XIAO MENG! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

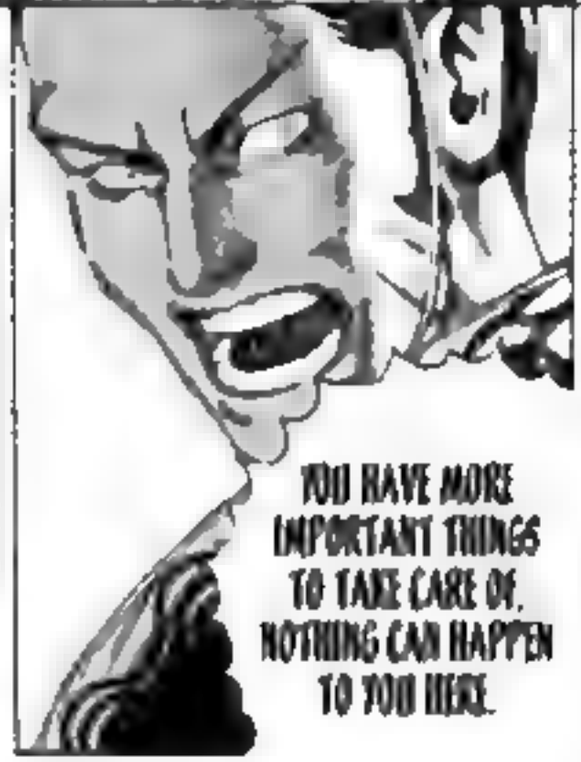

SFX: RUMBLING
BAN... BANDITS?!
RRON
RRON
NO, IT'S AN ARMY!
THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE A MERCHANT CARAVAN.

ATTACK! LEAVE NO ONE ALIVE! KILL!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, ZI WANG?
TO AVOID ANY TRAPS, LEAVE NO ONE ALIVE!
WHOSE ARMY IS THIS?

SFX KR...
SHA

WE'RE... WE'RE SURROUNDED!
DEPUTY CHIEF, WHAT NOW...

WE'LL HOLD THEM OFF HERE. YOU SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE NOW!
BUT...


YOU HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO TAKE CARE OF. NOTHING CAN HAPPEN TO YOU HERE.

XIAO XIONG, LISTEN TO ME!

XIAO MENG, FOLLOW ME!
WANG GANG, I AM NOT A COWARD.
TRIAD OF THE CLEAR WIND, LISTEN TO ME; PROTECT XIAO MENG'S ESCAPE, EVERYONE CHARGE!
THINK OF THE MISSION! LEAVE NOW!
HURRY! GO AHEAD AND FIND LIAOYUAN HUO!
TSIH
SFX: UNSHEATHING SWORD
SFX: SNAP

SAA
SAA
GOOD GUY, WATCH THIS!

SFX GRUNT
HEUH
LEAVE NO ONE ALIVE!
WE'VE BEEN SURROUNDED QUICK, FIND AN OPENING TO BREAK OUT!
SHU—
SHU—
HURRY! GO!
SHU!
SFX ARROWS HITTING

DEPUTY CHIEF! WATCH OUT BEHIND YOU!
WHY HAVEN'T YOU GONE? ARE YOU DEAF?
SFX: STAB
TSU
WE'RE SURROUNDED. THERE'S NO ESCAPE.
YOU CAN'T BE REASONED WITH!

PA

GENERAL ZHENG!

PA

DON'T FORGET WITHIN THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS I'M RESPONSIBLE FOR LOGISTICS

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE WITHOUT ME.

GENERAL LI, DO NOT ADVANCE. THAT GIRL'S TARGETS ARE COMMANDING OFFICERS!

YOU GUYS RETREAT SLOWLY, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST

SFX: STAB
THE PRETTIEST FLOWERS ALWAYS HAVE THORNS
XIAO MENG! WATCH OUT!

IT'S TOO BAD THAT NEXT TO FLOWERS
THERE ARE ALWAYS REPUGNANT INSECTS

WHAT'S FUNNY U.S.

SFX: SCREAM

NYA

HU

SFX: WHOOSH

AN EMPIRE
NEARING
ITS END
IS SIMILAR!

WHO CAN TELL ME?
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED?

IS THERE ANYONE WHO CAN TELL ME
WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
THEY HEADED NORTH?
THANK YOU.

CH 52 TRUE MAN WHOSE HEAD TOUCHES THE SKY

XIAO MENG!
WANG GANG!
MEN OF THE TRIAD OF THE CLEAR WIND
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!

WA
IT'S ALL EXPENSIVE MEDICINE AND VALUABLES!
THIS ROAD HAS TWO DESTINATIONS ONE IS CHANGAN AND THE SECOND IS BEIPING
NOW BOTH SIDES ARE CONSIDERED REBEL TERRITORY ANYONE ASSOCIATED WITH EITHER SIDE WIL.. BE CONSIDERED TRAITORS NO ONE WIL.. MOURN THIER DEATHS

TALK! WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?
THESE ARE YUAN SHAO DAREN'S DECREES.
DON'T PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW
THEN YOU ARE BEIPING'S SUPPLY LINE!
BEIPING?
THEY SAY THE GUANDONG ALLIANCE IS ONLY AGAINST THE REBELS OF CHANGAN, WHAT DOES BEIPING HAVE TO DO WITH THE REBELS?

W-WE'RE NOT...WE'RE JUST...
THE EVIDENCE IS CLEAR; IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY ALIBIS YOU HAVE; YOU'LL DIE ANYWAY.
CONFESS!
THEN ARE YOU DONG ZHUO'S MERCENARIES?
STILL WON'T TALK, YOU'RE A TOUGH NUT TO CRACK.
SPEAKING OF TOUGH, THIS GUY ISN'T TOO SHABBY EITHER.

HOF
HOF
WANG GANG! GO!
I'M TELLING YOU TO GO, NOW!
IF I GO...
THEN NO ONE WILL KNOW WHERE YOU ARE...

INTERESTING GUY.
YOU'VE MADE OUR TRIP MORE INTEREST ING.
WANG GANG! DON'T YOU SEE THEY'RE TOYING WITH YOU!
GO! THAT'S AN ORDER!
I DISAGREE.
I'M TELLING YOU, I WON'T LET ANYONE GO.
THE CARGO WILL BE CONFISCATED.

I CAN'T LOSE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE SIMA HOUSE
MY MISSION ISN'T COM-PLETE!
LEAVE THE PEOPLE!
LEAVE THE CARGO!
I BET ANOTHER SO LIANG HE WON'T FALL...

TSA
NO!
NO!
YOU OWE ME 50 LIANG, ZI WANG.

KRSSH
WA
LEAVE THE PEOPLE!
LEAVE THE CARGO!
DAMN IT, HOW I OWE YOU PAO LIANG, ONE MORE TIME?

I BET 10,000 LIANG HE FALLS
STAB

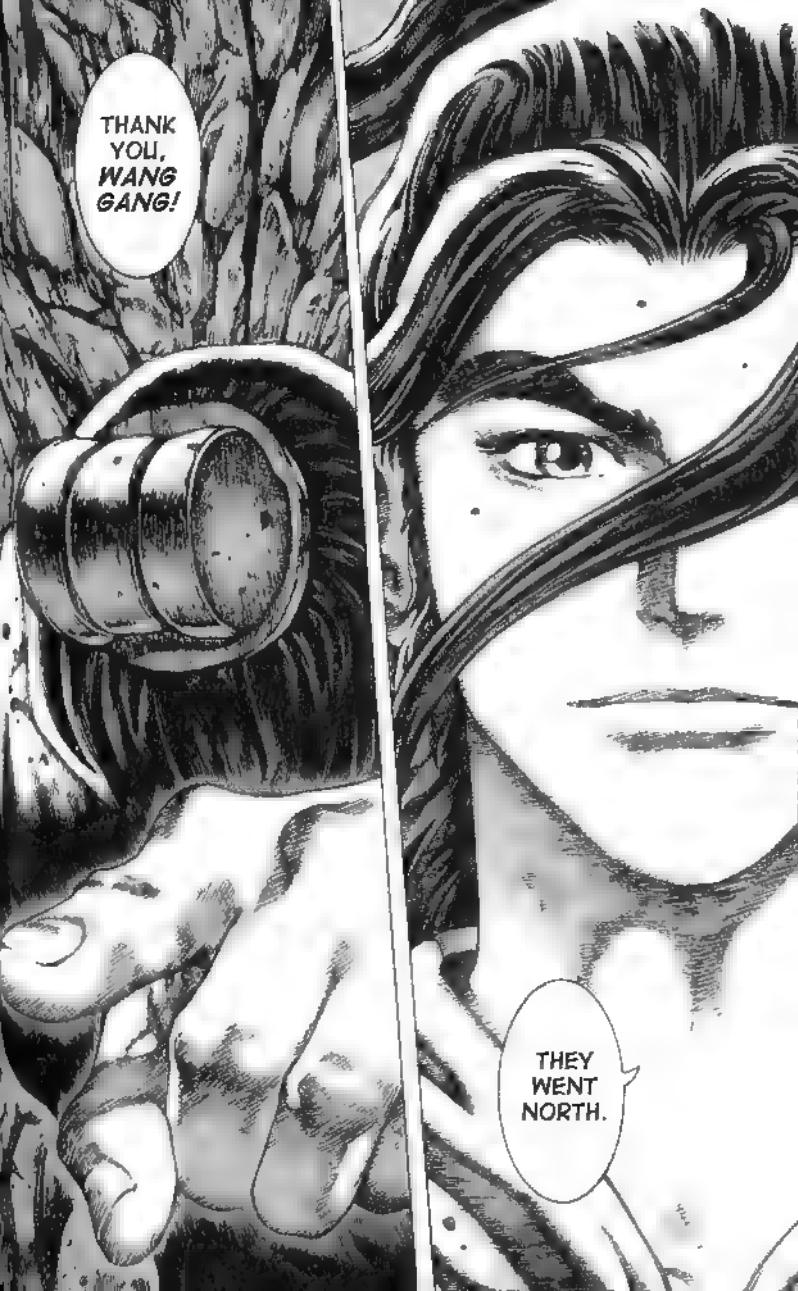
DAMN IT!
LIAOYUAN HUO! THIS IS THE LAST CLUE FROM THE TRIAD OF THE CLEAR WIND
MAY I IMPOSE ON YOU?
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MY SON FOR ME

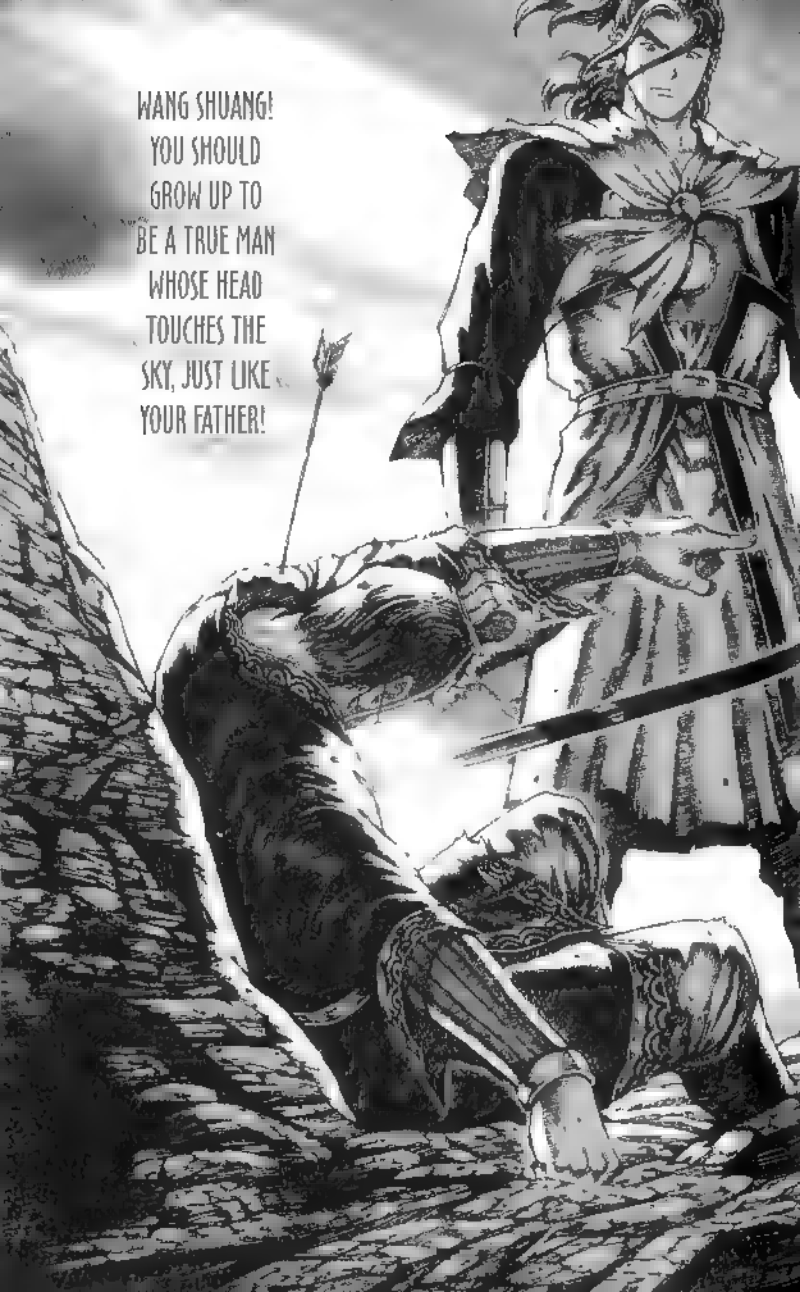
UWA! BIG BROTHER!
GONG-SUN YUE!
STOP! SAVE MY BROTHER!
IT'S TOO LATE, MASTER, DON'T STOP!

TRAITOR-OUS?
I CANNOT COMPARE TO YOU
YUAN SHAO! YOU TRAITOROUS SCOUNDREL!
WHEN WE FIRST SWORE TO DESTROY DONG ZHOU, WHO KNEW THAT YOUR HEART WASN'T IN IT? THIS CONCLUSION IS OF YOUR DOING!

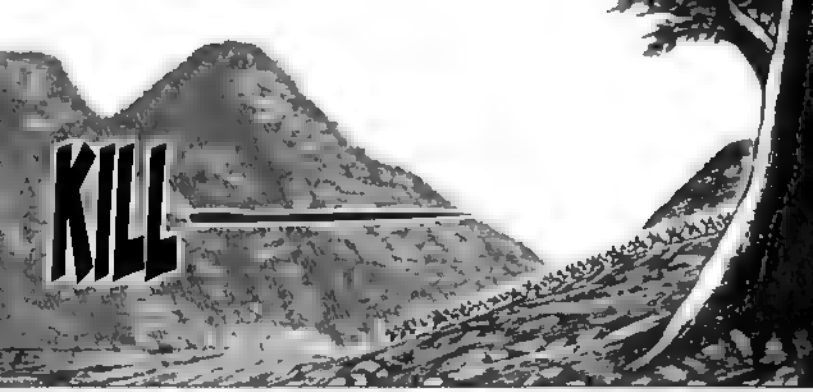
THE STRATEGIES DID NOT RUN ALONE. YUAN SHAO NOTICED GONGSUN ZAN TO HIM HIM IN ATTACKING HAN FU AND RUNNING YIZHOU.
GONGSUN ZAN WAS NATURALLY GREEDY AND IMMEDIATELY MOVED.
WHEN THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST DONG ZHUO FAILED, THE GUANGDONG ALLIANCE DISSOLVED. THOSE WITH GREATER AMBITIONS BEGAN TO DEVOUR EACH OTHER. YUAN SHAO, WITH YUAN FANG'S STRATEGY, USED LU BU TO DESTROY THE LORDS AT HULAO GUAN. ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT A COMPLETE SUCCESS, YUAN SHAO WAS ABLE TO REDUCE THEIR TROOP STRENGTH.
YEAR 191: WHEN GONGSUN ZAN LAUNCHED THE ATTACK, YUAN SHAO, WITH THE EXCUSE OF COMING TO HAN FU'S AID, INSTEAD INVADED YECHENG (CAPITAL OF YIZHOU). HAN FU LOST EVERYTHING.
WHEN THE OTHER LORDS SAW THAT YIZHOU WAS TAKEN, NO ONE DARED ENGAGE IT.
YUAN FANG'S ARMY BLOCKED HIS ESCAPE ROUTE, AND GONGSUN ZAN HAD TO CIRCLE AROUND TAIHANG MOUNTAINS FOR A HASTY RETREAT TO BEIPING.
ONCE GONGSUN ZAN HEARD THE NEWS, HE IMMEDIATELY WENT TO YECHENG TO NEGOTIATE HIS SHARE; HE WAS AMBUSHED BY YUAN FENG'S ARMY EN ROUTE AND SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES.
THE ROAD WAS LONG AND HE DEPLETED HIS RATIONS. WITHOUT LOSING ANY TROOPS, YUAN FANG FORCED GONGSUN ZAN ON THAT PATH TO HIS DEMISE.

GONGSUN ZAN LOOKED BEYOND HIS GREEDINESS AND REALIZED HE HAD LONG BEEN ENCLOSED IN YUAN SHAO'S GOAL, BUT IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE.
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A MERCHANT CARAVAN.
HALT!
DAMN IT, THEY'RE HERE TOO.
BY YUAN SHAO DAREN'S ORDERS TO INTERCEPT ENEMY TROOPS,
TO PREVENT ANY TRAPS,
LEAVE NO ONE ALIVE.


THANK YOU, WANG GANG!
THEY WENT NORTH.


WANG SHUANG! YOU SHOULD GROW UP TO BE A TRUE MAN WHOSE HEAD TOUCHES THE SKY, JUST LIKE YOUR FATHER!

I'VE HEARD GUO AN SAY THAT WHEN THIS KID WAS BORN, AS LONG AS HE HELD HIS MORNING STAR MACE, HE WOULD NO LONGER CRY, AND FALL ASLEEP. MANY YEARS LATER HE BECAME A FIERCE GENERAL OF WEI. NO MATTER HOW MANY OPPONENTS THERE WERE, NONE WERE A MATCH FOR HIM.



*Note: literally "Old Bandit Gongsun..."

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CH53 ONE WHO EXTERMINATES THE INSECT

CONCLUSION

STOP!
STOP!

I,
WEN CHOU,
HAVE BEEN
WAITING FOR
YOU.

ARE

AH

DAMN IT, YUAN SHAO WANTS TO ANNIHILATE GONGSUN ZAN.

WHY ARE THEY TURNING BACK?

AH

MY LORD!

STAB

QUICK, GET BEHIND THE CART!

STAB

HWA!

HU

YOU HAVE A LOUD VOICE, GIVE THEM A SUGGESTION

WE HAVE THEM SURROUNDED SHALL WE ATTACK?

THESE BATTERED SOLDIERS ARE STILL WILLING TO FOLLOW GONGSUN ZAN IT'S CLEAR THAT THEIR RESOLVE IS STILL STRONG IF WE ATTACK BOTH SIDES WILL INCUR HEAVY CASUALTIES!

SURRENDER!
SURRENDER!

SURRENDER!
SURRENDER!
SURRENDER!

YUAN SHAO! YOU BASTARD!

SURRENDER!

BEIPING ARMY, LISTEN TO ME; GONGSUN ZAN'S END HAS COME!
MY LORD LIKES TALENT; JOIN OUR ARMY AND YOU WILL BE PROMOTED THREE RANKS!

GENERALS, LISTEN TO ME, DO NOT BETRAY OUR LORD TO GET AHEAD!
YUAN SHAO WANTS TO KILL OUR LORD... WITH A BORROWED KNIFE.
SHIT! WE'VE FOLLOWED OUR LORD FOR YEARS THROUGH LIFE AND DEATH,
IF WE WERE GOING TO DEFECT, WE WOULD'VE DONE IT LONG AGO. WHY...
WHY SHOULD EVERYONE DIE WITH ME?
I'VE BEEN DESPICABLY GREEDY. I'VE REAPED WHAT I'VE SOWN. MY DEATH IS NOT WORTH MOURNING
MASTER, WE MUST HOLD ON, WE CAN'T DIE HERE!
THAT'S RIGHT! OUR REINFORCEMENTS ARE COMING!
H-HAVE THE REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVED?

THAT MAN KEEPS HIS WORD. MAYBE HE'S NEARBY, SO
YUAN DAREN, GONGSUN ZAN IS UNDER MY CONTROL. I NEED TO CONFER WITH MY COHORTS, PLEASE WAIT!
YOU'RE STILL HOPING FOR THAT UNPREDICTABLE GROUP OF AMAZING SOLDIERS?
EXCELLENT! I AWAIT THE GOOD NEWS!
ZI WANG, LOOK UP TO YOUR LEFT
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THEY WON'T SURRENDER.

FROM THAT HIGH POSITION, IF YOU LET ARCHERS GO UP, I'M AFRAID THAT...

OH, NO!

PAK

PAK

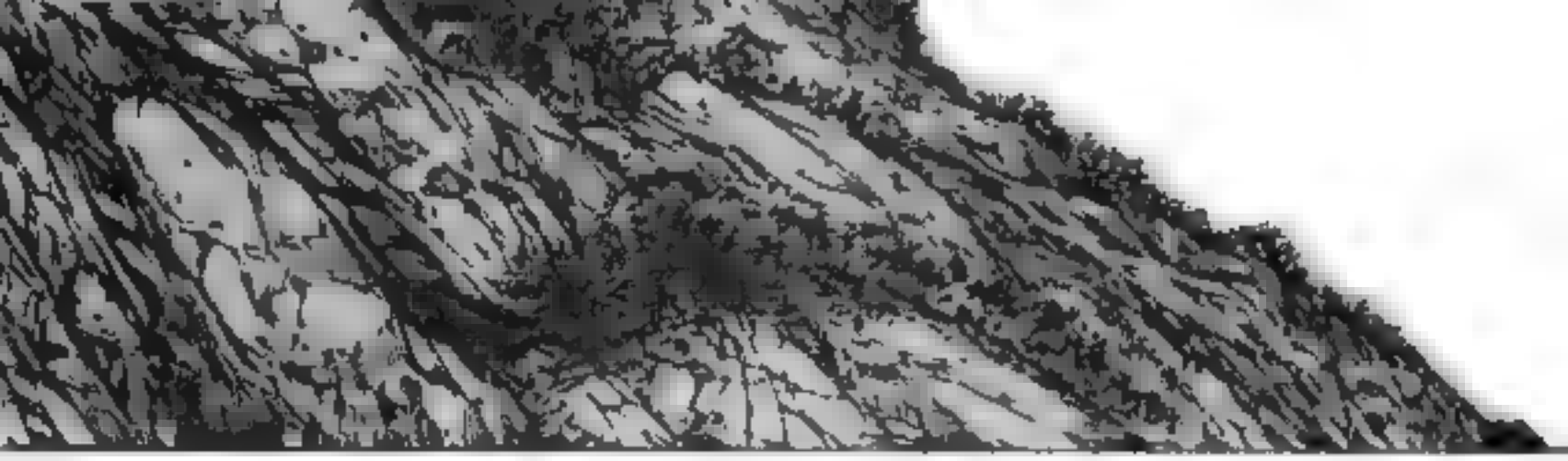
PAK

CAN'T YOU SEE THAT WE CAN'T KILL HIM FROM THIS POSITION?

WITHOUT LOSING A SOLDIER, I UNDERSTAND

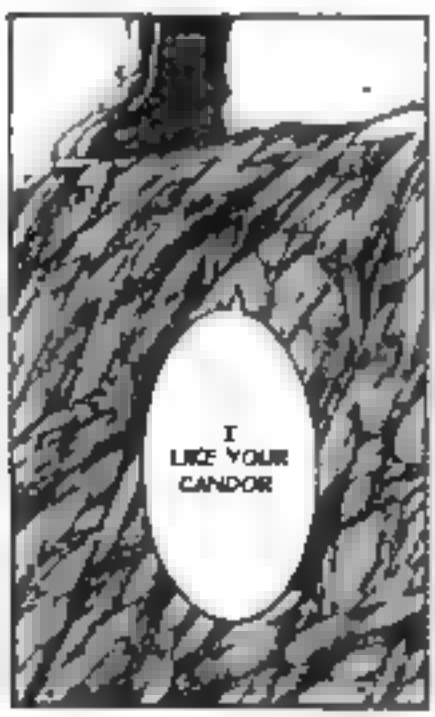
PAK

DAMN IT, WHAT IS YUAN SHAO TRYING TO DO?



THE MAN WHO ROBBED THE MERCHANT CARAVAN?

DON'T STOP. TELL THE VICE-GENERAL TO ASSUME COMMAND
YES, SIR!


I LIKE YOUR CANDOR

THAT'S CORRECT. I KILLED THE PEOPLE TOO.

AND YOUR COURAGE IN DYING
BECAUSE I'M ALONE?

CORRECT, KILLING ONE MAN IS EASIER THAN KILLING A HUNDRED MEN.

INTERESTING GUY, YOU'VE MADE OUR TRIP MUCH MORE INTERESTING

THEN, TAKE YOUR AMUSEMENT AND. .

ORK!

Make friends, be on your way

PA—

PA—

PA—

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THEM. THE VICE-GENERAL IS CALLING US

THAT BOASTFUL KID IS DONE FOR

QUICK! GET TO YOUR POSITIONS!

HE'S BECOME A PRETTY BIG TARGET!

YUAN SHAO HAS GROWN SO BIG.

FROM HERE YOU'LL HIT HIM FOR SURE

THAT'S RIGHT

HOW DARE YOU SPEAK THIS WAY! COME DOWN HERE!

THE ONE-EYED MAN IS MINE, THE REST

LEAVE THEM TO ME.

TEN THOUSAND LIANG SAYS YOU FALL.

FIFTY LIANG SAYS YOU CAN'T DO IT

DAMN IT, I LOST ALREADY CUZ I'M FLAT BROKE.
WHO AM I?
IT'S NOT IMPORTANT, WHAT IS IMPORTANT.. TODAY, YOU, ZI WANG, WILL BE FAMOUS THROUGHOUT THE LAND!
IT'S SIMA CLAN'S CARAVAN? I'VE HEARD THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS AND THIS FAMILY ARE CLOSE, WHO ARE YOU?
IT'S USELESS. THE SIMA CLAN IS NO MATCH FOR THE YUAN FAMILY

SO TODAY I WILL BORROW YOUR IDENTITY FOR THE RESCUE

FWAP

JIZHOU'S WEALTHIEST FAMILIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN SWALLOWED UP MY LORD HAS LONG THOUGHT ABOUT MOVING AGAINST THE SIMA CLAN.

ALL HE NEEDS IS AN EXCUSE *AND NOW HE'S GOT IT.*

HERO RESCUING THE DAMSEL. YOUNG FRIEND, LET ME TELL YOU.

AN EXCUSE? *NONSENSE!* THERE NEVER WAS ONE AND THERE NEVER WILL BE.

AND NEXT TO HE FLOWERS

THE PRETTIEST FLOWERS ALWAYS HAVE THORNS

FLOWERS ARE ALWAYS SURROUNDED BY YOU REPUGNANT INSECTS!

PING

YOU AND YOUR LORD ARE ALL **REPUGNANT INSECTS!**

YOUR RIGHT.
THE FLOWER OF THE GREAT HAN DYNASTY HAS WILTED.
THEY HAVEN'T STARTED, WHAT IN THE WORLD IS ZI WANG UP TO?
SLUMP

ZI WANG! IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS; YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE. WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
ZI WANG HAS RETURNED!

A BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY. NO ONE EVER QUESTIONS ITS UGLY PAST.
CATAPILLARS EAT FLOWERS AND LEAVES, THEN TURN INTO BUTTERFLIES AND POLLINATE FLOWERS.

YUAN SHAO, PLEASE FORGIVE US, THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE A FUTURE!
TOO BAD; IF ONLY YOU WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE A PAST...

BECAUSE, THE WORLD WON'T BLOOM JUST BECAUSE OF YOU.

I'M HERE TO EXTERMI- NATE THE INSECT

WHY WOULD HE?
MY LORD, IT LOOKS LIKE INSUBORD-INATION!
YOU'RE FINALLY HERE!
ZI WANG! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

CHAPTER 54 ZHAO YUN AGAIN

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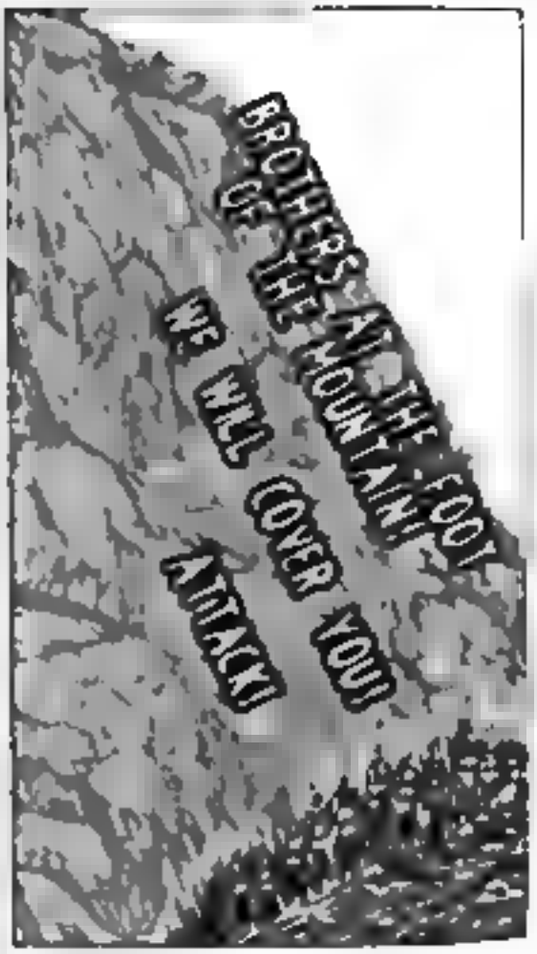
DAMN BRAT! WATCH YOUR BASELESS ACCUSATIONS!
MY LORD! QUICK, BACK AWAY!
YUAN SHAO HAS NO WISH TO SAVE THE NATION; KILLING THOSE WHO ARE LOYAL AND GOOD, HE HAS ANGERED THE GODS AND THE PEOPLE! TODAY, I WILL REVOLT!
GOOD! TODAY I, WEN CHOU, WILL PURGE THE EVIL!
EXCELLENT!
I LIKE IT ANGRY: COME, COME!

FLAG 1
HAS MASTER GONE CRAZY?
VICE-GENERAL MASTER (ZI XIANG) HAS REVOLTED. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
SFX: KILL
SHA
PL... PLAN?
WE... WE...
SFX: WHOOSH
HU
WHAT ARE YOU DOING STANDING THERE? PROCEED AS WE PLANNED!

TSH
PON

HEH CHOO MALE
LISTEN TO MY ORDER.
ATTACK IF YOU'S
AWAY BEFORE
THEY REVOLT


BROTHERS AT THE FOOT
OF THE MOUNTAIN!
WE WILL COVER YOU!
ATTACK!

WAIT...
WAIT A
MINUTE!
WE DIDN'T...

LET'S GO!
KILL!

HA IT'S A REVOLT!
I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE REBELLING OR NOT! EVERYONE ATTACK!
LISTEN TO ME! THERE MUST BE AN EXPLANATION... AHHH!
YOU'LL NEVER COLLECT YOUR TEN THOUSAND ...ANG
DON'T FORGET IN OUR BUSINESS WE'RE ALWAYS IN THE RED

THE MISSION'S COMPLETE LET'S GO DOWN AND GET XIAO MENG!
LEI, THE REST OF YUAN SHAO'S ARMY IS RUSHING UP THE MOUNTAIN.
MASTER, THE ENEMY SEEMS TO HAVE DISPERSED!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?
EVERYONE FOLLOW ME TO THE BACK MOUNTAINS!
LET'S NOT WORRY ABOUT THE REINFORCEMENTS; WHY DON'T WE ESCAPE NOW?
PERHAPS HEAVEN BELIEVES THAT IT'S NOT TIME FOR ME TO DIE.

VICE-GENERAL, GONGSUN ZAN HAS ESCAPED; WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
WHAT... WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
SHOULD WE GIVE CHASE OR SHOULD ASSIST THE ADVANCING TROOPS?
SFX STAB
-ISH
SFX WHOOSH
HU
YUAN SHAO SAID BEFORE, FIRST SETTLE THE INTERNAL STRIFE, THEN PROCEED TO THE EXTERNAL

OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
EXCELLENT! WEN CHOU UNDERSTANDS THIS PHILOSOPHY WELL
THEN, XIAO MENG, YOUR CHANCE HAS COME!
DAMN IT! EVERYONE ATTACK, TEAR THIS GUY TO PIECES!

I'M LEAVING THE MOUNTAINS!
GONGSUN ZAN IS HEADING INTO THE MOUNTAINS.
HUO! YOU'VE SUCCEEDED!
WEN DAREN, WHEN DID THIS GUY GET SO STRONG?

SFX: CLANG
DHANG
I'M NOT EXAGGERATING.
MEN CHOU TRULY LIVES UP TO HIS NAME!
ZI WANG, I SUDDENLY FEEL THAT YOU'RE LIKE THAT MAN.
HAVE I BEEN DISCOVERED?

WEN CHOU, DO YOU REALLY WANT TO FIND OUT WHO I AM?
THEN FOLLOW ME!
BIG BROTHER ZI WANG! I'VE LED WEN CHOU AWAY! NOW'S THE TIME TO KILL YUAN SHAO!
OH NO! IT'S A TRAP!
HURRY AND MAKE YOUR MOVE!

STOP! TURN AROUND; THERE AREN'T ENOUGH MEN BY OUR LORD!
TA
THIS GUY'S ONE BIG IDIOT!
QUICK, TURN BACK AND PROTECT OUR LORD!
SFX: STOMP/STOP
IDIOTS, YOU FELL FOR IT!

SFX: CLANG
DWANG
WHAT?
THAT WAS A HEAVY BLOW!

SFX: STOMP
RON
HE IS STRONGER THAN GUO ANG!
IS THIS MAN...
WEN CHOU! YOU IDIOT, COME BACK HERE!

IT IS...
BASTARD! WHERE DID YOU GO?
顏 YAN
良 LIANG
KID, YOU MUST BE ZI LONG?

ZI LONG?
ZI LONG?
AM I RIGHT? YOU'RE ZI WANG'S YOUNGER BROTHER, ZI LONG
MY BROTHER AND I PLOTTED YEARS FOR THIS DAY TO KILL YUAN SHAO WHAT'S THE MATTER? AREN'T YOU GOING BACK TO PROTECT YOUR MASTER?
WHO CARES WHO ZI LONG IS...
THAT'S RIGHT I'M ZI LONG

BUT, DIDN'T ZI LONG...
THIS MAN IS ZI LONG?
WEN CHOU, YOU'RE SUCH A FOOL, YOU BELIEVED THIS GUY'S LIES!
THAT'S RIGHT, ZI LONG DIED THREE YEARS AGO. HOW COULD HE BE ALIVE AGAIN?
THEN... ZI WANG IS DEAD IN THE MOUNTAINS, AND YOU .. YOU'RE GONGSUN ZAN'S MAN IN DISGUISE.

ZI WANG FOLLOWED ME FOR YEARS. I SWEAR TO THE HEAVENS, HE'D RATHER DIE THAN BETRAY US.
AND NOW, I HAVE ANOTHER TROUBLESOME FELLOW TO CONTEND WITH.
I'VE BEEN EXPOSED.
ZI LONG, SINCE YOU ARE ZI LONG, THEN FOLLOW HEAVEN'S WILL. DIE!

THIS STYLE OF RECKLESS FIGHTING, BESIDES HIM, WHO ELSE COULD IT BE?
*SEE NOTES
OR IS HE CALLED ZI LONG?*
SECOND BROTHER, DO YOU REMEMBER THIS MAN?
WE MEET ZHAO YUN AGAIN

If I were to describe my life's greatest accomplishment
I devoted my life to the military what was it for? Fame and fortune? That's what common people do.
DEAD... DEAD END.
WHEN YOU CHOOSE THE TERRAIN OF THE BATTLEFIELD, IT'S EASIER TO LAY A TRAP NO WONDER YUAN SHAO DIDN'T GIVE CHASE WE WERE JUST WASTING OUR OWN ENERGY
THEY'RE COMING! THEY'RE COMING!
MY LORD, YUAN SHAO'S TROOPS ARE COMING!
It would be my loyal and unwavering warriors. That's the charisma of a conqueror
This also gives some comfort before I die.

Chapter 55
The Way oF Employing Men

RRON —
SCREW YOU, ON THE BATTLEFIELD THERE ARE ONLY DEAD GENERALS, NOT SURRENDERING GENERALS.
YUAN SHAO, OUR ANSWER TO YOU IS DEATH!
GENERALS, I AM STILL WAITING FOR YOUR ANSWER
PA!
DO YOU SEE? THIS IS THE WAY TO EMPLOY MEN, WE SHOULD LEARN FROM HIM.
TO COMMEMORATE YOUR HONOURABLE WAYS, I WILL EXEMPLIFY YOUR ACTIONS IN MY HISTORY.
READY!
THEN JUST WRITE THAT I WAS VICTORIOUS AGAINST TREMENDOUS ODDS BUT WAS UNFORTUNATELY FELLED BY ARROWS.
THAT'S CORRECT! COMPARED TO YOUR UNSCRUPULOUS SELF . I AM AT PEACE WITH MYSELF AND CAN DIE WITHOUT REGRET.

EXCEL-
LENT, I
WILL DO
AS YOU
WISH
YUAN SHAO! DO NOT SPARE YOUR ARROWS; FIRE THEM TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!
GO AHEAD! LET OUR LORD BECOME THE LAST HERO STANDING; AY HIS NAME LIVE IN HISTORY!
PA
PA
PA
PA
PA
PA
Wa
COME ON! I AM NOT A COWARD!

I am not a coward!
NEXT VOLLEY! READY!
How could I ask for anything more, when I'm in command of such brave warriors? I can die without regret!
QUICK! BLOCK THE ARROWS FOR OUR LORD!
HA HA!
I should keep smiling to the end!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT I HATE MOST?
THAT'S WHY A FOOL'S PATH WILL ONLY REACH A DEAD END
HA HA
HA HA
HA HA
STAB
BROTHER GONGSUN UNDER-STANDS THE MEANING OF LAUGHING YOUR WAY TO THE TOP!

*Banner: Han Imperial
HAN IMPERIAL UNCLE? SINCE WHEN DID WE HAVE AN IMPERIAL UNCLE?
SHO
WHO IS THAT? GET DOWN HERE!
HOW DARE YOU FLY THE IMPERIAL BANNER?

BROTHER GONGSUN'S WAY OF EMPLOYING MEN HAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED ME, I HAVE COME TO SEEK COUNSEL
YOU ARE TRUE TO YOUR WORD AND I ADMIRE YOUR INTEGRITY
WHEN DID YOU BECOME THE IMPERIAL UNCLE? HAS THE EMPEROR RECOGNIZED YOU?

THERE ARE PLENTY OF CHARLATANS WHO HAVE POSED AS MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL FAMILY
DECIDING THE FATE OF A COURT OFFICIAL, HAS THE POSITION OF THE EMPEROR BEEN PASSED TO YOU?
THOSE WHO CLAIM, FOR PERSONAL GAIN, TO BE SAVING THE NATION ARE NUMEROUS AS WELL.
THOSE WHO BOAST OF HAVING DEFEATED LUU BU ARE INFINITE!
LIU BEI! I AM GOING TO UNCOVER YOUR DECEIT!

!

Thud
THE TRUTH TRUMPS ALL RUMOURS. EVERYONE OPEN YOUR EYES AND WITNESS MY BIG BROTHER'S TRUE POTENTIAL!

YOU ARE AN IMPOSTOR CAVALRY ARCHER!
HE'S THE GOD OF WAR.
ENEMY GENERAL! DO YOU KNOW MY TITLE?
PA!

Wh...
What?
P.A
P.A
You're right,
I was right...
He really
is an
imposter!

PA

Wa——
IT WAS... IT WAS SO FAST, I DIDN'T SEE IT ... UNLESS...
ONLY... ONLY ONE STRIKE!
The rumour of Liu Bei defeating Luu Bu... is true!
ME?
YOU!

COME! FIGHT ME!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU. YOUR EYES TELL ME THAT YOU STILL DON'T BELIEVE IN MY POWER.
YOU WEREN'T LOOKING AT HIM?
III... DIDN'T DIDN'T.
NO... NO NO NO!
THEN YOU MUST BE LOOKING AT ME
GOOD! I GLADLY ACCEPT!

COME BACK! DON'T RUN AWAY!
ISN'T... ISN'T THAT ZHANG FEI, WHO FOUGHT LUU BU TO A STALEMATE?
MY LORD, THE TROOPS BEHIND US ARE IN DISARRAY!
AND... AND BEHIND HIM IS GUAN YU, WHO KILLED HUA XIONG
MY LORD, OUR TROOP MORALE IS IN DISARRAY AND GENERALS YAN AND WEN AREN'T HERE. IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO CALM THE TROOPS DOWN, SO...
Amazing, by killing just one man, he has put my troop morale in disarray. The hero image is truly powerful.
ALONG WITH LIU BEI, WON'T WE...
HEAR THIS, WILD GOOSE FORMATION AND RETREAT!
RENDEZVOUS WITH YAN AND WEN AND REGROUP!

THEY'VE RETREATED WITHOUT LEAVING ANY WEAK OPENINGS, NO WONDER THEY'RE THE RENOWNED HAOHAI ARMY
FANTASTIC! YUAN SHAO HAS RETREATED! XUANDE, YOU'RE AMAZING!
LET'S ESCAPE WHILE WE CAN.
WE WILL PURSUE YUAN SHAO WHILE YOU ESCORT GONGSUN DAREN BACK!
YES SIR!
PURSUE YUAN SHAO? JUST JUST THE THREE OF YOU? XUANDE, HAVE YOU GONE MAD?
YOU'RE STILL VULNERABLE TO ATTACK. IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO RETREAT WITHOUT RUNNING INTO YUAN SHAO

IF YOUR SUBORDINATE DIES, BIG BROTHER WILL BE SAD
WE MUST RESOLVE THIS FEUD, FIRST TO SAVE LIVES AND SECONDLY, TO AVOID INVOLVING THE CIVILIANS IN THE CONFLICT! AND
DON'T WORRY! WE'LL RISK OUR LIVES TO BRING ZHAO YUN BACK
There are warriors who risk their lives for their Master; why is a commander risking his life for a subordinate?
TAKE THE SHORT CUT, WE HAVE TO BE THERE BEFORE YUAN SHAO!
Zhao Yun? Who is Zhao Yun?
Maybe I have too many subordinates; I've forgotten.
Besides, he's not even your subordinate.

Xuande!

Is this the way you employ men?

Liu Bei likes
talent, because
these people
make him
feel that
the wall he
has built,
though small,
is safe enough to
live within.

STINKING BRAT! IT'S OVER FOR YOU!

DAANG (CLANG)

DIE!!

CHAPTER 56

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THE IMPERIAL UNCLE PERSONALLY TAKES THE BATTLE FIELD

(SLAM)

(STAB)

ROUND-
HOUSE
SPEAR!
EXCELLENT!

THIS STYLE OF FIGHTING...
TSÀ (CRUSH)
HE MUST BE AN ASSASSIN

PING
WA (GASP)
TOO BAD. THIS STYLE OF FIGHTING...
PA (SLAM)
DOESN'T ALWAYS WORK.

THIS GUY DIDN'T KNOW WHOM HE WAS UP AGAINST, HA HA HA!*
VICTORY! VICTORY!
I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW HOW HIGH THE SKY AND HOW THICK THE GROUND WERE.
PA'
TOO BAD YOU ONLY USED THE BACK OF YOUR BLADE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO KILL HIM THAT WAY
IT WAS TO HONOUR HIM AS A TRUE MAN THAT I LEFT HIS BODY IN ONE PIECE
HAVE YOU SEEN ANYONE SURVIVE A SHOT LIKE THAT?
A GOOD KID; SO YOUNG, AND ALREADY SO POWERFUL, TOO BAD HE DIED.
LAO YAN*.
I'VE SEEN SUCH A MAN BEFORE.

*LAO IS OLD. CLOSE FRIENDS WOULD USE OLD- TO ADDRESS EACH OTHER

LUU BU? EVEN JOKES HAVE LIMITS

KID, IT'S NOT YOU, IS IT?

EVEN LUU BU COULDN'T KILL HIM

HUWA! ZHAO YUN!
I AM LIU BEI! WHO DARES TO KILL MY FRIEND?
ZHAO YUN?
SO THAT'S LIU BEI?
WHAT IS HE DOING HERE?

WEN CHOU, THE PERSON YOU WERE REFERRING TO. WAS IT ZHAO YUN?
NO LOOKS LIKE I MISTOOK HIM FOR SOME-ONE.
BUT THAT ISN'T IMPORTANT, WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT IS
I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS MAN HAS REALLY DEFEATED LUU BU.
WEN CHOU, YOUR METHOD OF GREETING IS PECULAR.

YOU MUST SON BE-GRE HUNDRED GUESTS
噹
DAANG (CLANG)
THIS GUY IS TOUGHER!!
COMPARED TO WEN CHOU.

SAA (KILL)
PAINTED FACE MAN! BOTH GENERALS AT YOUR SERVICE, SUCH AN HONOUR!

SUCH A FORCEFUL GESTURE, CAN YOU WITHSTAND IT?
SA (SLIDING)

LIU BEI'S GANG IS IN LEAGUE WITH THE TRAITORS! THE PENALTY IS DEATH!
HELIH (GRUNT).
THAT'S SOME VOICE!

CHUN...

ALLOW ME TO PAY MY RESPECTS!

WHAT... FORCE!

IF THIS MAN REALLY KILLED HUA XIONG,
AND THIS MAN FOUGHT LUU BU TO A STANDSTILL...

WEN CHOU! WHAT ARE YOU DOING JUST STANDING THERE?!
BACK OFF!
I'M FIGHTING OFF THIS ONE WHILE THE OTHER'S COMING AT ME AGAIN...
PON (CRASH)

WEN CHOL, WHO ARE THESE TWO MEN?
I AM
YOUR DARKNESS AND YOUR DOOM!
PA (SLAM)

WEN CHOU! WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO PROVE?
IT WAS REALLY THOSE TWO WHO DEFEATED LU BU

THE THE STORY OF THE NEW GOD OF WAR IS TRUE
THEY'RE DEFEATED!
WEN CHOU, THIS IS JUST YOUR OPINION
GENERALS YAN AND WEN HAVE ALREADY
MY LORD! LOOK!
MOST DON'T SHARE YOUR OPINION.
BUT.

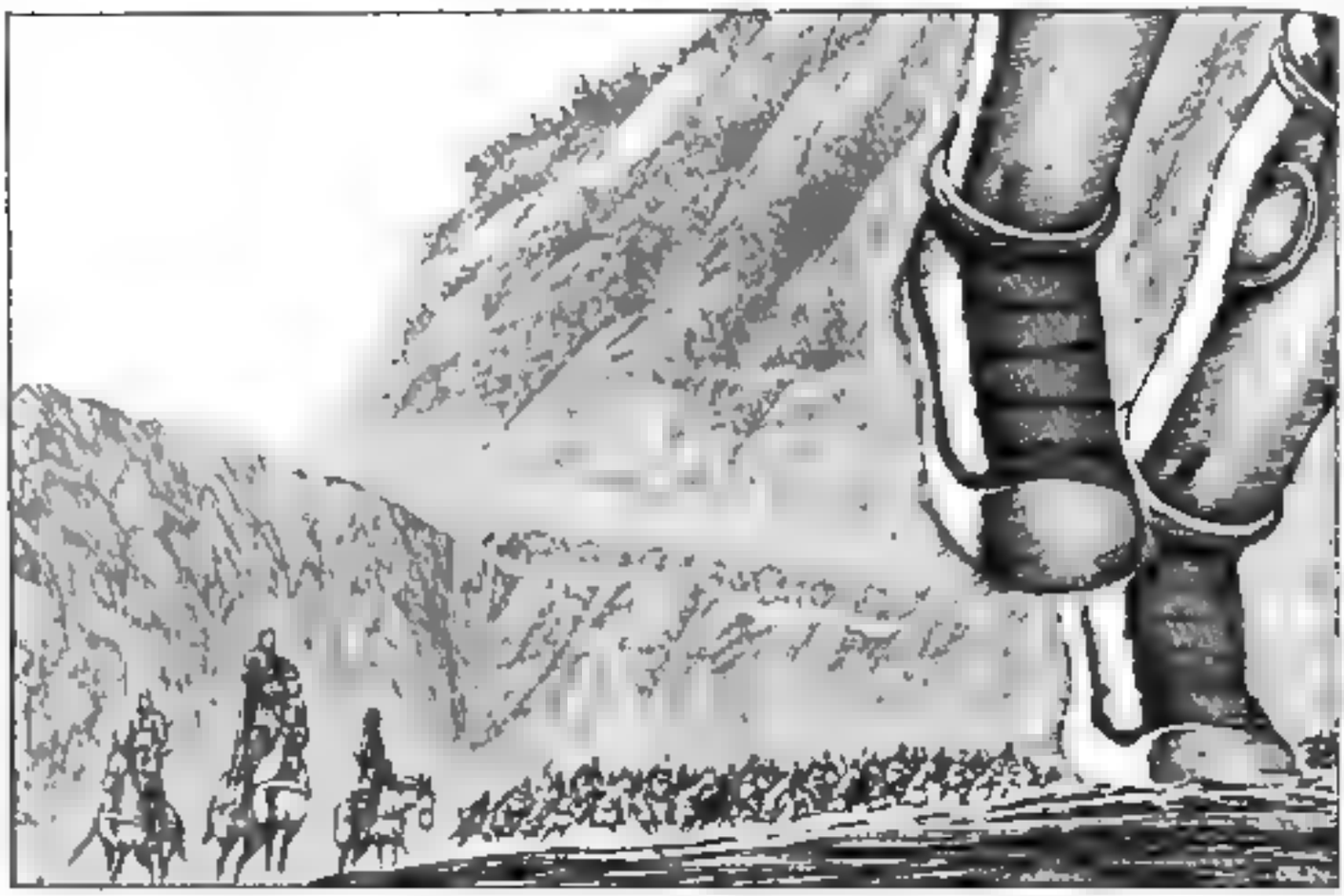
INCLUDING YOUR PRECIOUS LORD!
BROTHER YUAN SHAO HAS ALWAYS BEEN TRUE TO HIS WORD, I HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK OF YOU!

MY LORD, DON'T MIND US AND ATTACK!
MY FEUD WITH GONGSUN ZAN WAS TRULY A MISUNDER-STANDING
I HOPE THAT IMPERIAL UNCLE LIU DOESN'T MIND

YUAN SHAO LIKES TALENT,
BUT ONLY BECAUSE THESE
MEN ARE A WALL OF PROTECTION.
BUT A PRINCELY MAN*
DOES NOT STAND BELOW
A FALLING WALL.

*SIMILAR TO THE CONCEPT OF OMEGA1X. A PRINCELY MAN IS THE CONFUCIAN IDEAL OF A MAN WHO IS ENDOWED WITH GOOD CHARACTER AND DIVINE VIRTUE.

PULL OUT!



HMPH!
YOU ARE TRUE TO YOUR WORD AND LOVE YOUR GENERALS LIKE YOUR OWN SONS. THESE ARE ACTIONS OF A TRUE MAN! PEOPLE ACROSS THE LAND WILL REMEMBER YOU FOR THIS.
BROTHER YUAN SHAO, I SALUTE YOU!

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YEAR 191. IN THE HEATED BATTLE BETWEEN YUAN SHAO AND GONGSUN ZAN, YUAN SHAO HAD THE UPPER HAND AND WAS ON THE VERGE OF VICTORY. GONGSUN ZAN VALIANTLY FOUGHT BACK AND YUAN SHAO RETURNED EMPTY-HANDED.
I KNOW THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME IT'S NEVER TOO LATE FOR REVENGE

YUAN SHAO LOVES HIS REPUTATION, IN FRONT OF HIS TROOPS HE HAS NO CHOICE BUT LEAVE
WHAT A GOLDEN EXIT; BIG BROTHER SURE KNOWS HOW TO KISS ASS!

TOO BAD .

TOO BAD THAT FROM NOW ON WE WILL BE YUAN SHAO'S ENEMIES.

TOO BAD ZHAO YUN DIED LIKE THIS.

WHAT WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
AM I RIGHT?
NO, ZHAO HAS ONLY LOST A CHANCE AT FAME
RIGHT, IT'S ONLY BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE TOO NOSY

AND IF YAN OR WEN GOT TOO CLOSE TO YOU
ALL RIGHT KID! YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!
TO YOUR LEFT
UNDER-STOOD
SFX: CLANG
DAAANG

IN THE CONFUSION, THE OTHER ONE
WOULD HAVE ALSO BEEN SHOT
SFX: SNAPX3
PA
PA

WRONG. IT'S THREE SHOTS.
THOSE THREE ARE FRIENDS
GO!

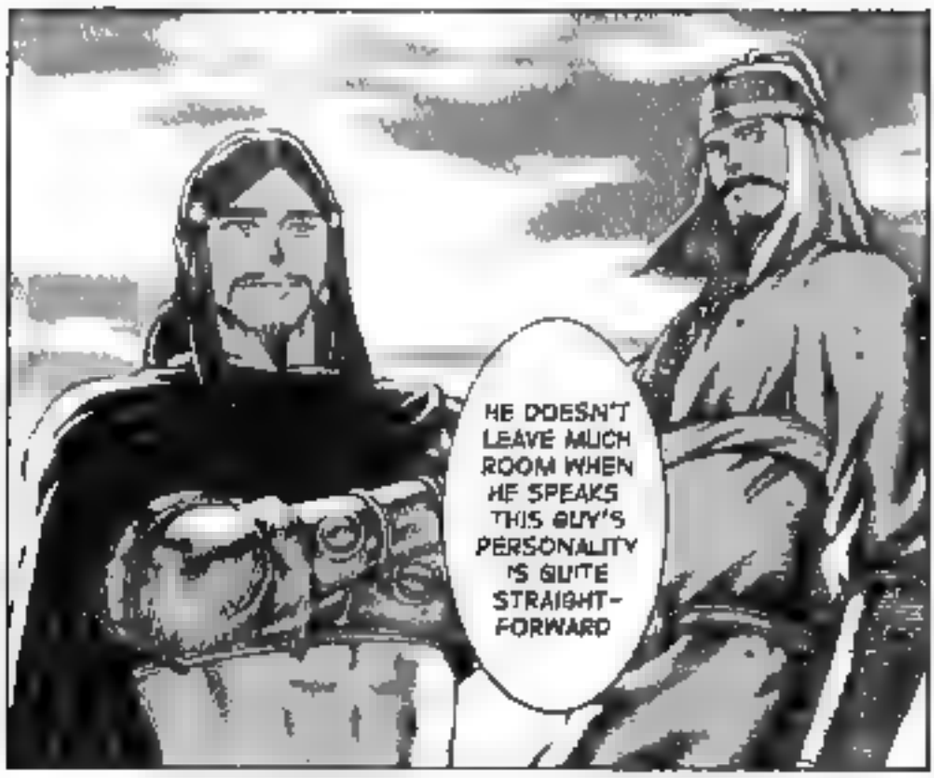
OH!
LIU BEI DAREN, THANK YOU
FAREWELL

BROTHER ZHAO! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
BROTHER ZHAO! BROTHER ZHAO!
DON'T YOU RISK EVERYTHING TOO?
YOU VIEW DEATH LIKE A HOMECOMING, YOU REALLY DON'T VALUE YOUR LIFE
I'M I'M ALL RIGHT

IF YOU DON'T WISH TO RETURN TO A NORMAL LIFE, I HAVE ADVICE FOR YOU.
BONGSUN ZAN HAS NO DESIRE TO SAVE THE NATION EVEN IF I CONTINUE TO HELP . IT WOULD BE POINTLESS.
I JUST WANTED TO THANK HIM FOR WHAT HE'S DONE.
YOU KNOW WHAT?
DONG ZHOL WILL DIE THE LAND WILL BE CAST INTO CHAOS
YOU SHOULD BE MAKING PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

DONG ZHOU WILL DIE? MAKE PLANS?
YOU WANT ME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAOS WHO DO YOU THINK I AM?
HEAD NORTH ONE LI, AND YOU'LL FIND TEN CARTS LADEN WITH RICHES.
BIG BROTHER WHAT ZHAO SAYS IS TRUE
LIU BEI DAREN'S KINDNESS AND HUMANITY SPANS FAR AND WIDE, IF YOU WON'T DO IT, ARE YOU WILLING TO ALLOW THOSE UNSCRUPULOUS NOBLES TAKE ADVANTAGE?
THAT'S . WHAT I AM PRESENTING TO YOU FOR THE FOUNDATION TO FULFILL YOUR IDEALS.

WHETHER I AM IN THE GONGSUN ARMY OR NOT IS UNIMPORTANT I BELIEVE LIU DAREN, YOU'RE NOT REALLY THE IMPERIAL UNCLE ARE YOU?
RUBBISH MY BIG BROTHER IS ZHONGSHAN KING JING'S DESCENDANT THAT'S THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH
YOU DO AS YOU PLEASE YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE YOU'RE FROM THE GONGSUN ARMY
RIGHT FIGHTING UNDER THE NAME OF IMPERIAL UNCLE IS A SMART MOVE AND I THINK LIU DAREN HAS LONG SINCE HAD SUCH INTENTION
NOW ALL YOU NEED IS AN IMPERIAL EDICT TO LEGITIMIZE YOU.
BUT DO NOT WORRY I HAVE A PLAN TO GET THAT FOR YOU IN A FEW DAYS


HE DOESN'T LEAVE MUCH ROOM WHEN HE SPEAKS THIS GUY'S PERSONALITY IS QUITE STRAIGHT-FORWARD

WAIT FOR THE GOOD NEWS; I BID YOU FAREWELL.

BIG BROTHER, ARE YOU GOING TO BELIEVE HIM THIS TIME?
GOOD ZHAO YUN

DON'T FORGET, YOUR BIG BROTHER HAS AN INVINCIBLE ABILITY TO JUDGE PEOPLE.

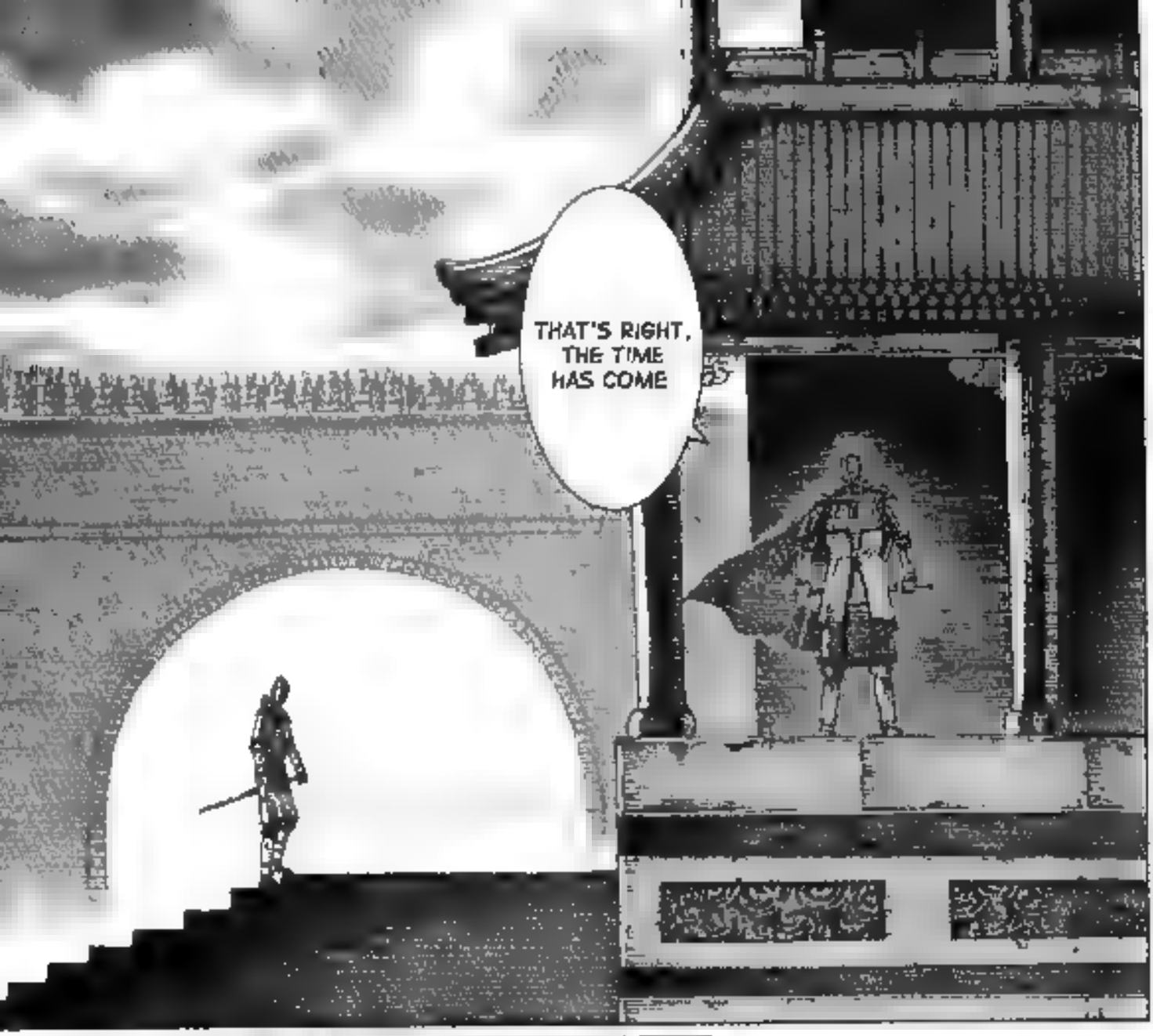
IF ONE WERE NEVER
TO BE WITNESS
TO THIS BEAUTIFUL SCENERY,
ONE WOULD NEVER
UNDERSTAND THE MIND
OF THOSE WITH AMBITION.

THUS THOSE WHO WISH
TO CONQUER THE WORLD
ALWAYS COME UP
WITH SOME EXCUSE.

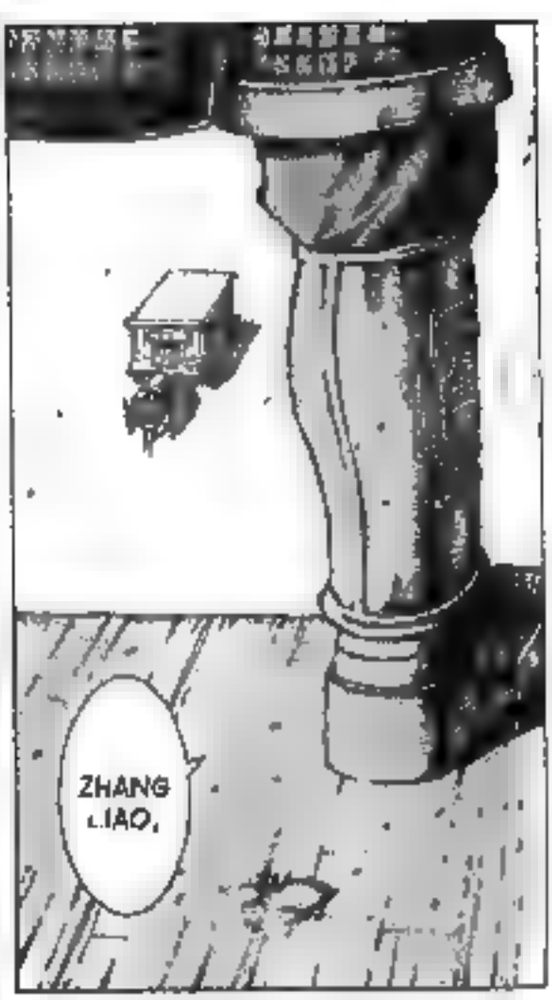
SOME SAY GOD IS DEAD;
SOME CLAIM TO BE ROYALTY;
SOME ALSO CLAIM TO HAVE
THE IMPERIAL EDICT;
SOME EVEN BOAST THEY
CAN AFFECT THE COURSE
OF THE NATION.

ALL LIES!

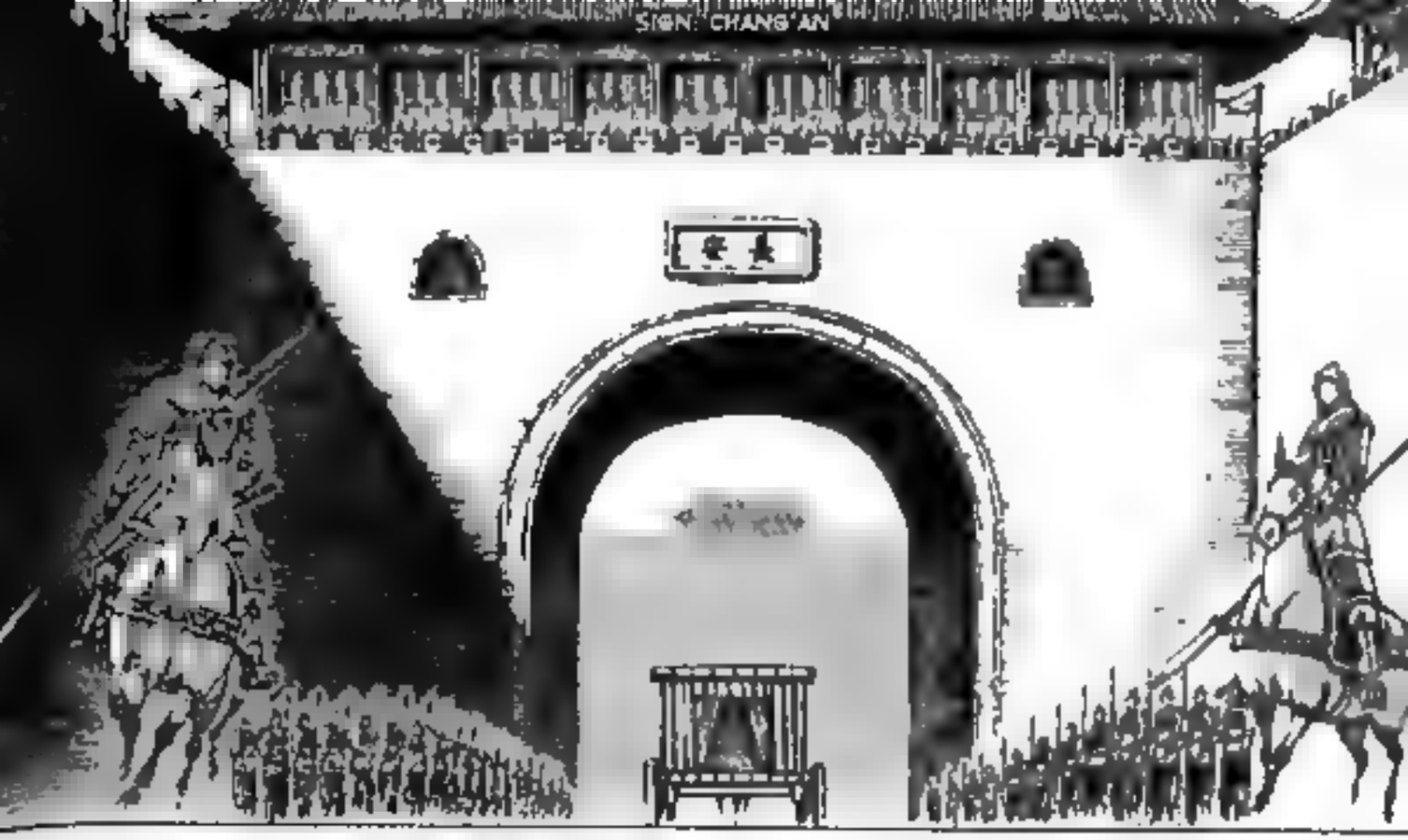
DURING CHAOTIC TIMES, "AMBITION" IS SOMETHING SHAMEFUL, LEFT BURIED AND NEVER SPOKEN OF.
IT'S NOT WRONG; YOU ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING.
YET THESE LIES ARE EXACTLY WHAT POLITICAL GENIUS IS.
MASTER, WE'VE COME TO THE LAST STEP


THAT'S RIGHT, THE TIME HAS COME

ARE YOU READY?


ZHANG LIAO,

MASTER, I CAN'T WAIT!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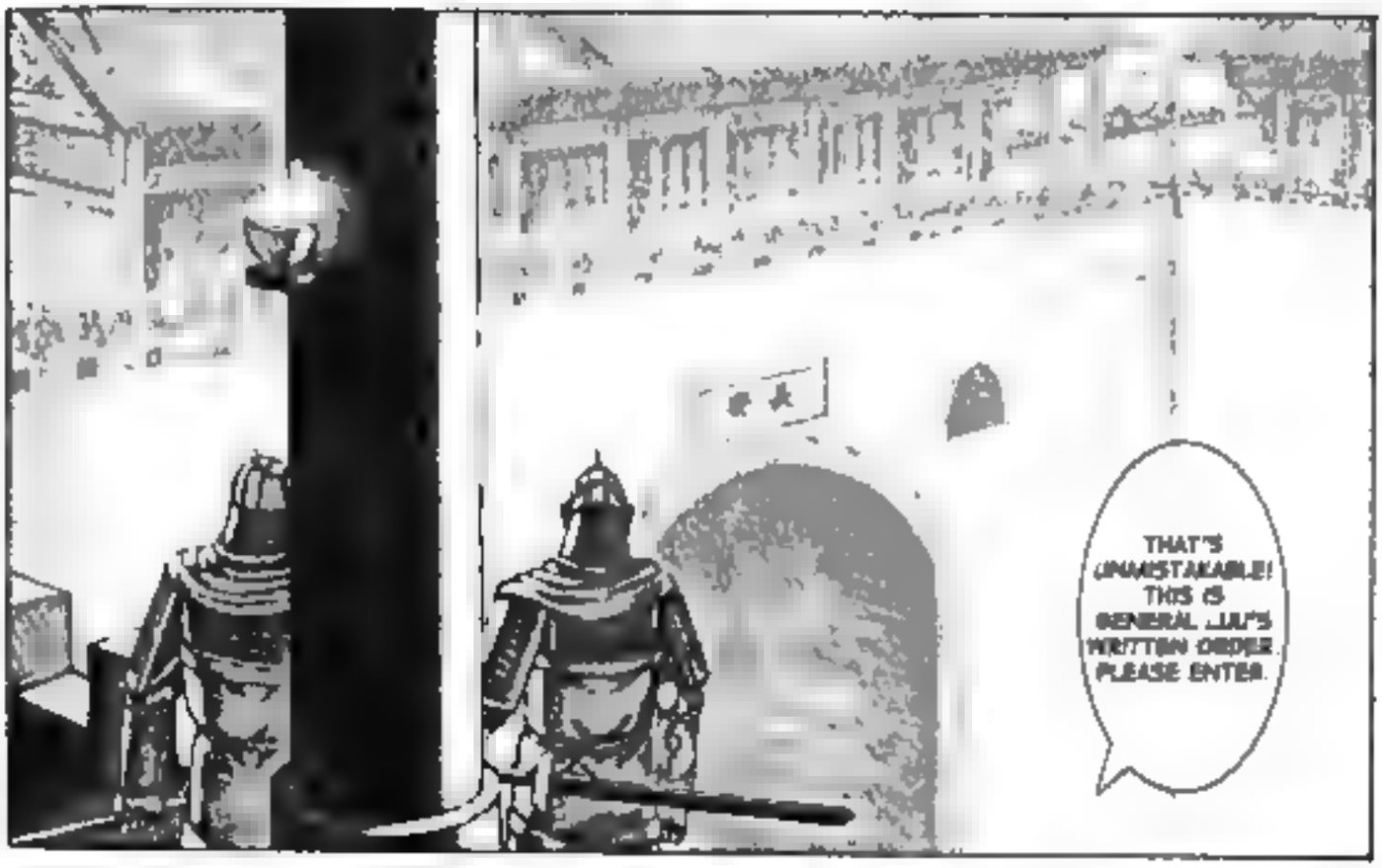
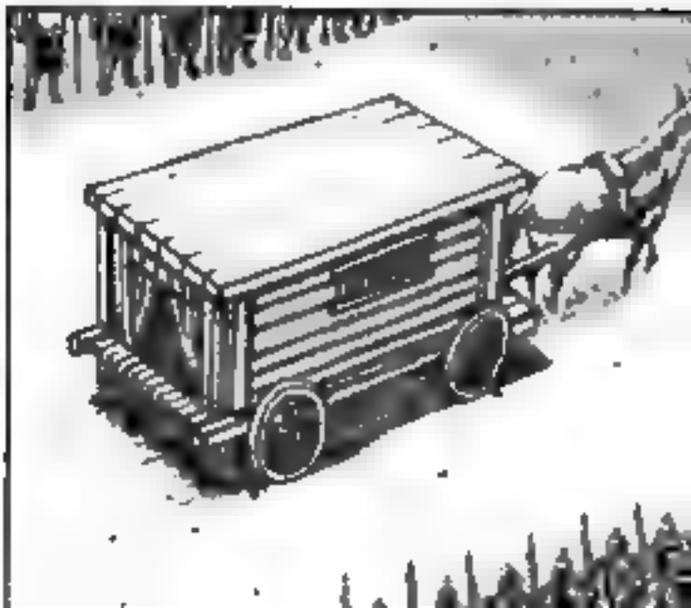

THAT'S UNMISTAKABLE! THIS IS GENERAL LIU'S WRITTEN ORDER. PLEASE ENTER.

SAME GOAL. IT'S THE LUOYANG MISSION ALL OVER AGAIN

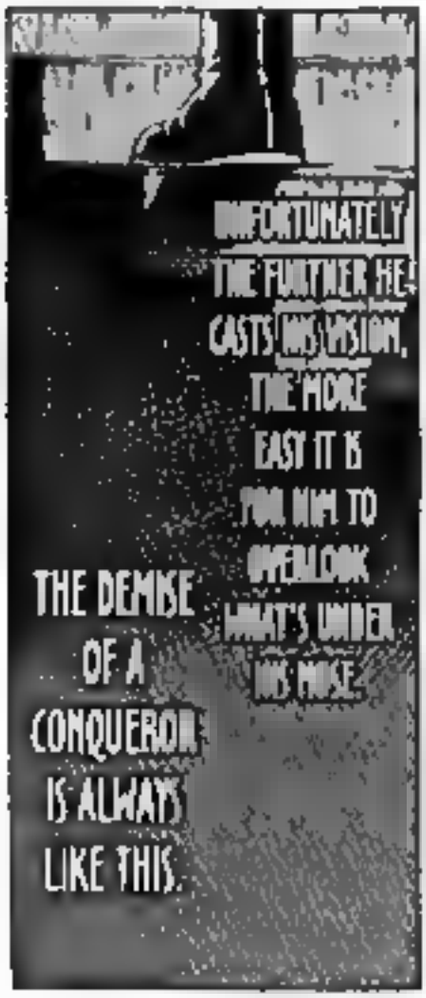


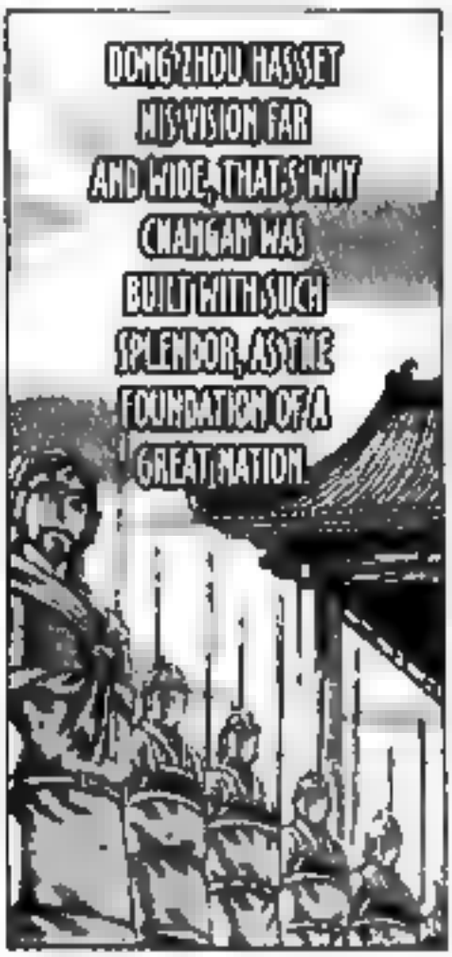
XIAO MENG, YOU KNOW WHAT?
I WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT THAT YOU'D LOSE THOSE PRESENTS
I KNOW Lu Bu'S PERSONALITY LIKE THE BACK OF MY HAND
HE'S NOT THE TYPE THAT DWELLS ON SMALL GAINS.

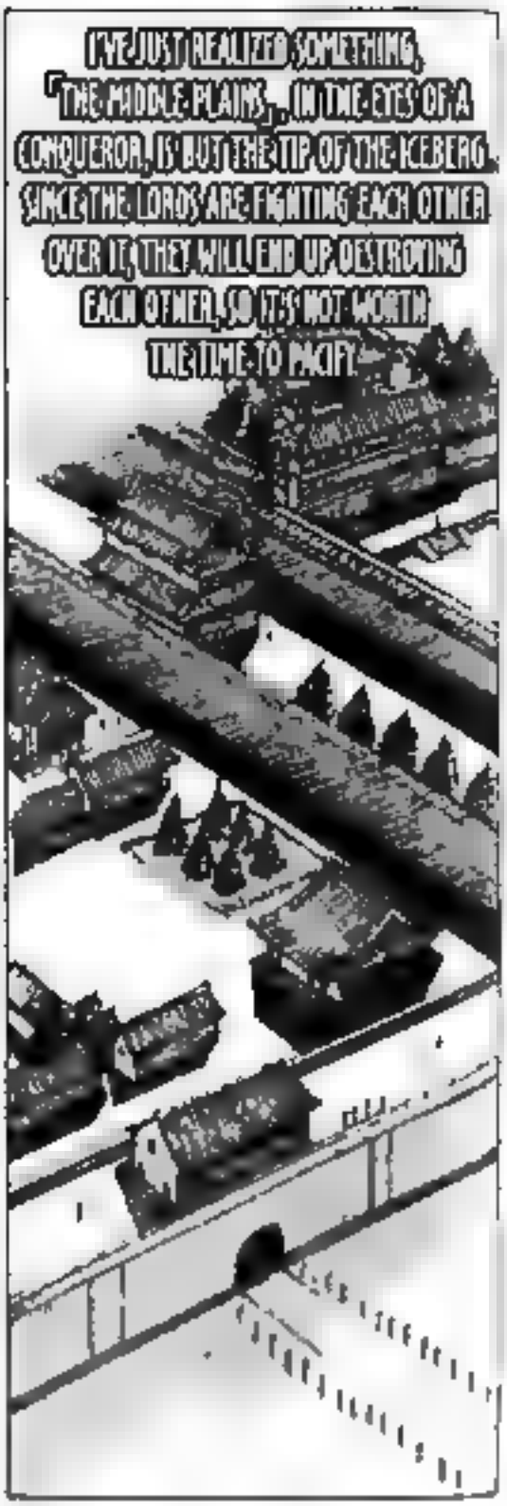
AND ME...
I'M SOMEONE
WHO LIKES
TO PICK
AT SCABS.
AM I
RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT!
ONCE EVERYTHING
IS OVER, YOU WILL
END UP LIKE
DONG ZHOU!

EASTERN ZHOU, QIN AND WESTERN HAN ALL BASED THEIR DYNASTIES HERE. HERE, HAN WUDI ESTABLISHED THE GATEWAY TO THE WEST AND THE SILK ROAD.
「CHANGAN, THE QIN MOUNTAINS TO THE SOUTH, LI MOUNTAINS TO THE EAST, ACCESS TO EIGHT RIVERS AND SITUATED ON DIFFICULT TERRAIN. MANY CONQUERORS HAVE WAGED WAR FOR IT.

THE WESTERN TERRITORIES ALSO HOLD A GREAT ATTRACTION. THEY'RE A CONQUEROR'S GATEWAY TO THE WORLD!


UNFORTUNATELY, THE FURTHER HE CASTS HIS VISION, THE MORE EASY IT IS FOR HIM TO OVERLOOK WHAT'S UNDER HIS NOSE.
THE DEMISE OF A CONQUEROR IS ALWAYS LIKE THIS.


DONG'ZHOU HAS SET HIS VISION FAR AND WIDE, THAT'S WHY CHANGAN WAS BUILT WITH SUCH SPLENDOR, AS THE FOUNDATION OF A GREAT NATION.


I'VE JUST REALIZED SOMETHING. 「THE MIDDLE PLAINS」, IN THE EYES OF A CONQUEROR, IS BUT THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG. SINCE THE LORDS ARE FIGHTING EACH OTHER OVER IT, THEY WILL END UP DESTROYING EACH OTHER, SO IT'S NOT WORTH THE TIME TO PACIFY.

CHAPTER 58 PALACE INTRIGUE

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WAS THAT WHAT WANG YUN WROTE "KILL DONG ZHUO AND ALL DEBTS WILL BE FORGOTTEN"
I AM A STRAIGHT-FORWARD MAN
OR WAS IT WHAT I'VE SAID "THE NEXT TIME WE MEET, IT WILL BE YOUR DEATH"?
DOES THE GENERAL REMEMBER A CERTAIN PHRASE?

WHICH IS THE TRUTH, ONLY THE GENERAL KNOWS.
BUT THE GENERAL IS OBVIOUSLY SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T GIVE UP EASILY
THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S TOO BAD
TRUTHFULLY SPEAKING, I REALLY LIKE YOU, TOO BAD
TOO BAD, IF YOU WERE TO KILL ME NOW THEN THINGS WOULD BE MUCH EASIER?
IF YOU WERE TO RELEASE WANG YUN, I WOULDN'T MIND DOING IT RIGHT NOW

PON
SFX: SLAM
LUU BU IS HERE, EVERYONE GO!
THEN AS YOU WISH
YOU WOULD ALSO KNOW THAT I AM AN IMPATIENT MAN.

WANG YUN?
WHY...
王允 WANG YUN
LUU BU!
I'M GOING
TO DO IT!
GO!

SFX SLASH
TSA
WANG YUN! WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS...
YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON

SINCE HE'S A STRAIGHT FORWARD MAN THEN YOU CAN TELL HIM YOURSELF
MEN YOU WERE ALL POSTED TO THE CAPITAL THAT DAY
DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS MAN?
I REMEMBER! THAT'S HIM!
YES! HE'S THE ASSASSIN WHO TOOK OUR LORD HOSTAGE!

HE'S THE LEADER OF THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS!
XU LIN DAREN'S MURDERER!
THEN THE REASON HE'S HERE IS...
HE'S GOING TO ASSASSINATE OUR LORD! KILL HIM!
TOO QUICKLY?
EVERYTHING IS GOING...
TA
SFX: STEP

LET'S GO!
THE ABILITY OF AN ASSASSIN IS TO KILL IN AN INSTANT...

SFX SLAM
PA

IS ALSO WHY I AM AN ASSASSIN.
BUT... ALLOWING SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE CONTROL OF THE SITUATION SOONER...
THIS GUY...
SFX: SNAP
WE'RE ALL THE SAME TYPE.
THIS MAN LUU BU...

SFX: SLICE
WU
SFX: GRUNT
IS TRULY DIFFICULT TO FIGURE OUT!

WHICH PHRASE IS THE TRUTH? WHICH IS THE LIE? ONLY LIU BU KNOWS.
MOTHER OF. .
IT'S OVER, KID.
ALL RIGHT! GENERAL ZHANG, YOU'RE AMAZING!
WE'VE CAUGHT HIM! WE'VE CAUGHT HIM!
PA

TOO
SOON!

TOO SOON!
THE MAIN LANTERN
WHY IS IT GOING OUT SO SOON?

SHO
SFX: CURTAINS PARTING
MY LORD, IT'S AN OMEN!
IS MY LIFE IS IT GOING TO END?

NOTE THE MONGOL NAME FOR THE SUPREME GOD IS TENGRI, WHICH MEANS SKY

OUR LORD IS LIKE THE SUN AT ITS ZENITH, HIS MOST BRILLANT TIME!
ALL BAD OMENS WILL BE REVERSED DO NOT SPEAK OF SUCH THINGS AGAIN!

LI RU
I ALSO WISH FOR THE SAME!

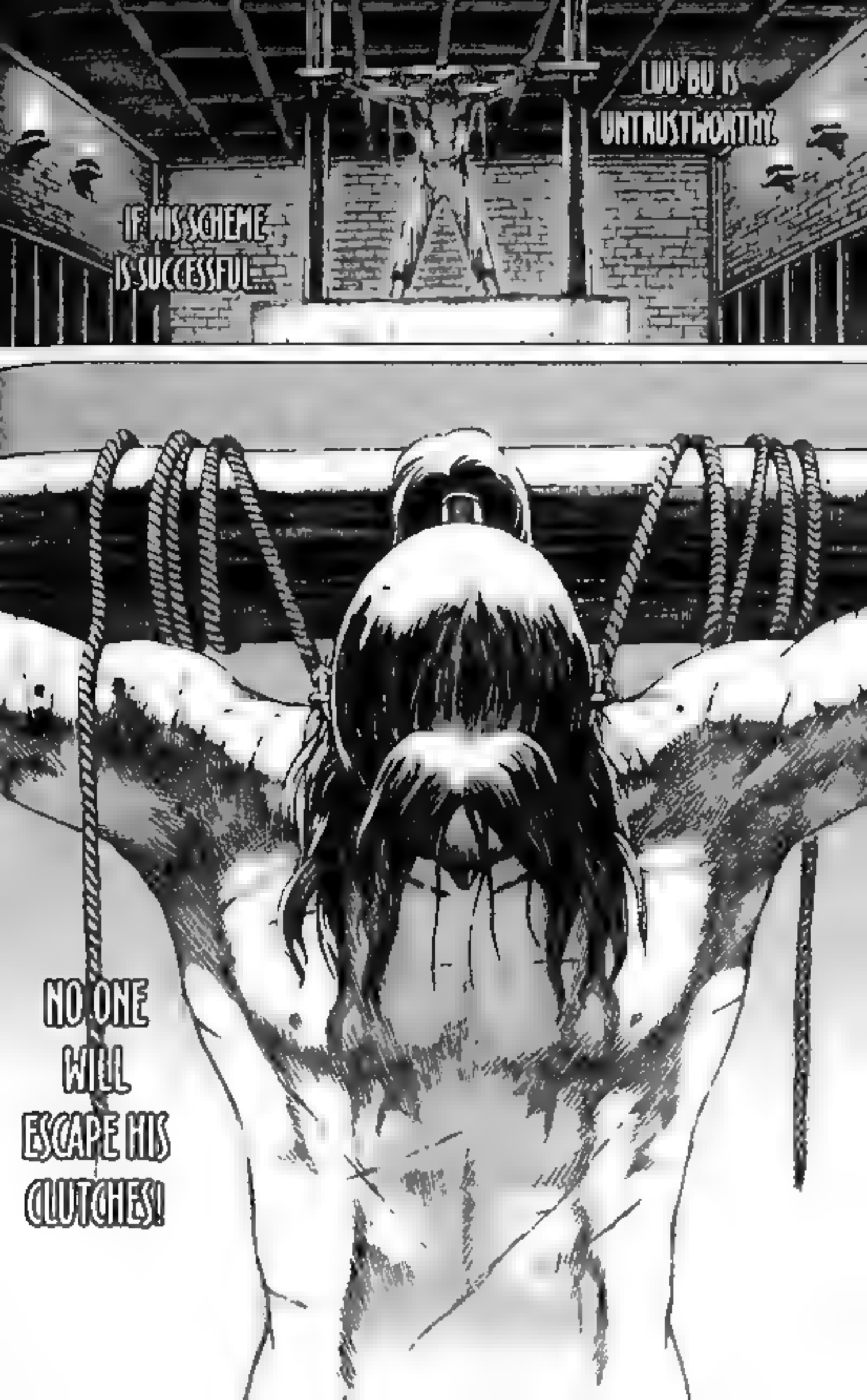
EVEN GOD MISCALCULATES AT TIMES.

OF COURSE HE WISHES TO REPEAT HIS FEAT. TOO BAD
WHERE IS THAT ZHAO HUO RIGHT NOW?
WHO IN THE WORLD COULD EVEN GET CLOSE TO MY LORD? THAT ASSASSIN FROM THE LAST TIME..
VERY GOOD
YOU MEAN THE LEADER OF THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS? HE FAILED AND WAS CAPTURED HE IS AWAITING EXECUTION
I WANT TO KNOW WHOSE CUSTODY IS HE UNDER
I.

I'LL TELL YOU, IT'S THE TWO MEN WHOSE MOTIVES YOU SUSPECT THE MOST
LUU BU AND WANG YUN, YOUR SUSPICIONS ARE REALLY
MY LORD DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?

DO YOU KNOW WHY I BETROTHED MY DAUGHTER TO YOU?

THAT'S WHY I CAN ACT AS I PLEASE, FURTHERMORE...
BECAUSE YOU ARE THE MAN I TRUST MOST.
I AM BETTER THAN XU LIN!
THE FURTHER THE CONQUEROR CASTS HIS VISION, THE MORE LIKELY IT IS THAT HE WILL UNFORTUNATELY OVERLOOK EVERYTHING UNDER HIS NOSE.
READY THE CHARIOT
THAT'S WHY THERE IS ALWAYS SOMEONE NEXT TO THE CONQUEROR WHO CAN WARN HIM.


LUU BU IS UNTRUSTWORTHY!
IF HIS SCHEME IS SUCCESSFUL...
NO ONE WILL ESCAPE HIS CLUTCHES!

HE'S NOT ONE-EYED AND HE'S ALSO VERY YOUNG
LI JUE, YOU STILL CAN'T WAKE HIM UP?
THERE ARE WOUNDS EVERYWHERE HE'S ON THE VERGE OF DEATH JIU BU'S METHOD OF TORTURE IS QUITE NASTY
TA!
LOOKS LIKE JIU BU'S DESIRE TO AVENGE XU JIN'S DEATH WAS SINCERE
UNMISTAKABLE. I SAW HIM AT THE CITY OF KINES
HARD TO BELIEVE THAT HE'S THE LEGENDARY ONE-EYED ASSASSIN

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YOU MEN SHOULD KNOW THAT I AM VERY SUSPICIOUS.
IF I HADN'T SEEN FOR MYSELF, I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED THAT HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS
THERE IS ANOTHER WAY TO WAKE THIS PERSON FOR INTERROGATION
IN THE WEST THERE'S A METHOD OF TORTURE USED AGAINST PRISONERS
SFX: STAB
SFX: STAB
WHICH IS TYING HIM UP TO A POST AND THEN ..
THE BLOOD WILL START FLOWING SLOWLY EVEN AN UNCONSCIOUS MAN WOULD WAKE FROM THE PAIN AND BEG FOR MERCY

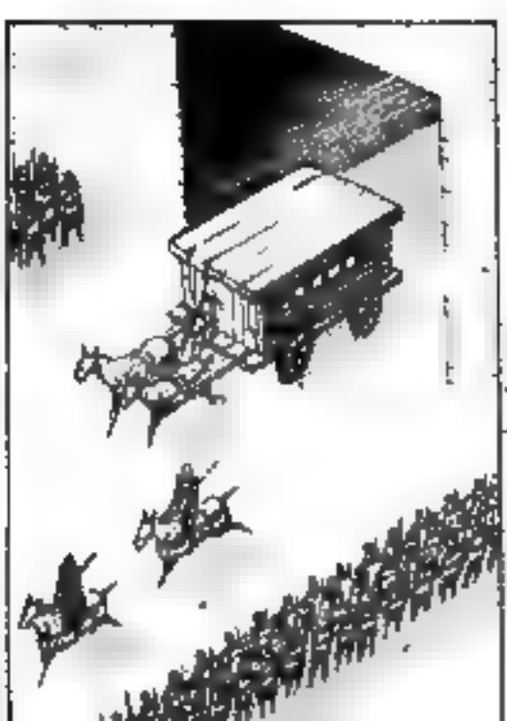
IT MUST HURT DOESN'T IT? THIS KIND OF TORTURE WOULD EVEN SCARE BYSTANDERS TO TEARS'

LI RU, I'VE EMPLOYED TORTURE FOR YEARS, I BELIEVE HE WON'T WAKE UP DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?
I MUST EXPERIENCE EVERYTHING PERSONALLY THAT'S THE WAY I CONDUCT MYSELF

LUU BU IS HERE, WE SHOULD RETURN!
I HAVE NO OTHER IDEAS

UNLESS YOU'VE FORGOTTEN THAT THE OFT-CAREFUL XU LIN DIED BY THIS KID'S HANDS?
HE'S HERE!
HOW WAS HE SO EASILY CAPTURED, DON'T YOU THINK IT'S SUSPICIOUS?

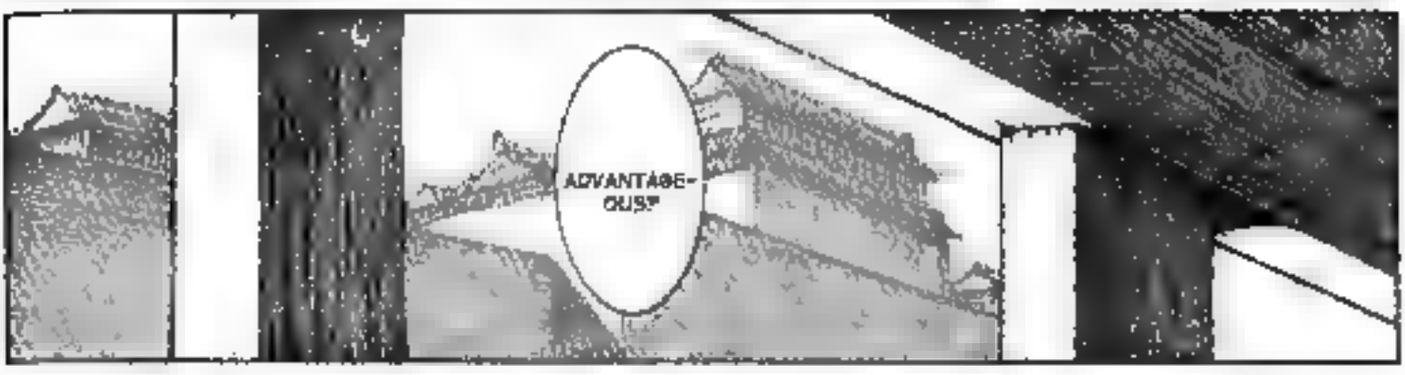
DO NOT WORRY! I HAVE ARRANGED TIGHT SECURITY TO PROTECT OUR LORD



MANY APPLE PEOPLE IN THE CITY HAVE BEEN ARRESTED
YOU MEAN OUR LORD'S DISCIPLES?
THANKS TO JUDAS'S BETRAYAL-ATION
THE SPEAR IN THE DAYLIGHT IS EASILY AVOIDED THE ARROW IN THE NIGHT IS DIFFICULT TO DEFEND AGAINST THAT MAN HAS ALREADY MADE HIS MOVE!

PALACE CAPTAIN? THAT'S JUST A MINOR RANK.
LULI BU'S ZHANG LIAO WHO CAPTURED THAT KID WAS AWARDED AND PROMOTED TO PALACE CAPTAIN
HUA XIONG'S FORMER SUBORDINATES, HOU WEI AND SUNG WERE ALSO PROMOTED?
YES
LUL BU IS BRINGING ALONG THE NEXT GENERATION QUITE WELL.
I HEARD THAT THOSE THREE ARE NOW FIERCELY LOYAL TO HIM
SPEAKING OF PROMOTIONS, FAN CHOU, YOU'VE BEEN PROMOTED TO PROVINCIAL COMMANDER?

OUR RANK AND POWER HAVE INCREASED; IS THAT NOT ADVANTAGEOUS?
BESIDES OLD FAN, THE DECREE INCLUDED SOMETHING FOR ALL OF US.


ADVANTAGE-OUS?

I THINK . CATASTROPHE HAS ALREADY DESCENDED UPON US.

HE...
HE SEPARATED HIS OWN THUMB?
PA
SFX SNAP

SFX SNAP (X2)
PA
PA

SFX: SLAM
PI
YOU REALLY ARE A MONSTER.

SFX: SNAP
PA
PA

SFX: HOARSE EXHALE
SAA

SCARY, ISN'T IT?
RIGHT! WE SHOULD'VE USED AN IRON CAGE

PA!
PA!

THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW THERE WILL BE DUTY REASSIGN-MENTS

AND YOU'LL ARRANGE FOR ME TO GET INTO THE PALACE

ALL THOSE IN THE WAY WILL BE TRANSFERRED

YOU TAKE CARE OF THE INSIDE, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE OUTSIDE EVERYONE WILL BE BUSY

EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL SO FAR, WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP?

WANG YUN NOW HAS FULL CONTROL OF THE PALACE OFFICIALS AS LONG AS THE OFFICIALS BAND TOGETHER ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN
RIGHT NOW CHANGAN'S DEFENSE DETAIL AND HUA XIONG'S MILITARY COMMAND ALL BELONG TO LUU BU
YOU MEAN
WHAT I MEAN IS THAT IF THE MAJORITY DETERMINES A MAN TO BE A USURPER, THEN HE SHALL BE
IF WE LEAVE CHANGAN, WE MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO RETURN
WITH HUA XIONG'S DEATH AND DA GONG-ZI'S DISAPPEARANCE, IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING, WHAT'S SCARIER IS
WE KNOW VERY WELL THAT LUU BU'S BEHIND EVERYTHING; IF OUR LORD DIES,

LUU BU IS STILL THE RIGHTFUL HEIR

NO ONE KNOWS NOW, BUT THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS HAVE ENTERED THE CITY TO ASSASSINATE OUR LORD
HE CAN EASILY TURN THE TABLES ON US.

LIU BU HAS MAINTAINED FROM THE BEGINNING THAT HE WAS AVENGING HIS FRIEND'S DEATH HE RISKED HIS LIFE TO SAVE OUR LORD, GAINING THE RESPECT OF EVERYONE
THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS KILLED XU LIN AND HELD OUR LORD HOSTAGE EVERYONE WANTS THEM DEAD
SO IF THE LOYAL USURPER'S PLAN SUCCEEDS, AND ONCE OUR LORD IS ASSASSINATED

WE'LL BE ON THE OUTSIDE WITHOUT ANY REINFORCEMENTS
AND ZHANG LIAO WILL BE IN THE PALACE FIRST TO CONTROL THE FLOW OF INFORMATION SECONDLY TO FORCE THE EMPEROR TO WRITE AN EDICT AND GET RID OF US BY ACCUSING US OF SOME CRIME

I'LL STAY BEHIND AND FIGHT YOU

UNDER-STOOD?
UNDER-STOOD

I HAVE WANG YUN'S FAMILY DON'T THINK ABOUT RESCUING THEM ON YOUR OWN

GOOD! BEAT ME AND YOU'RE FREE TO GO.

UNDER-STOOD

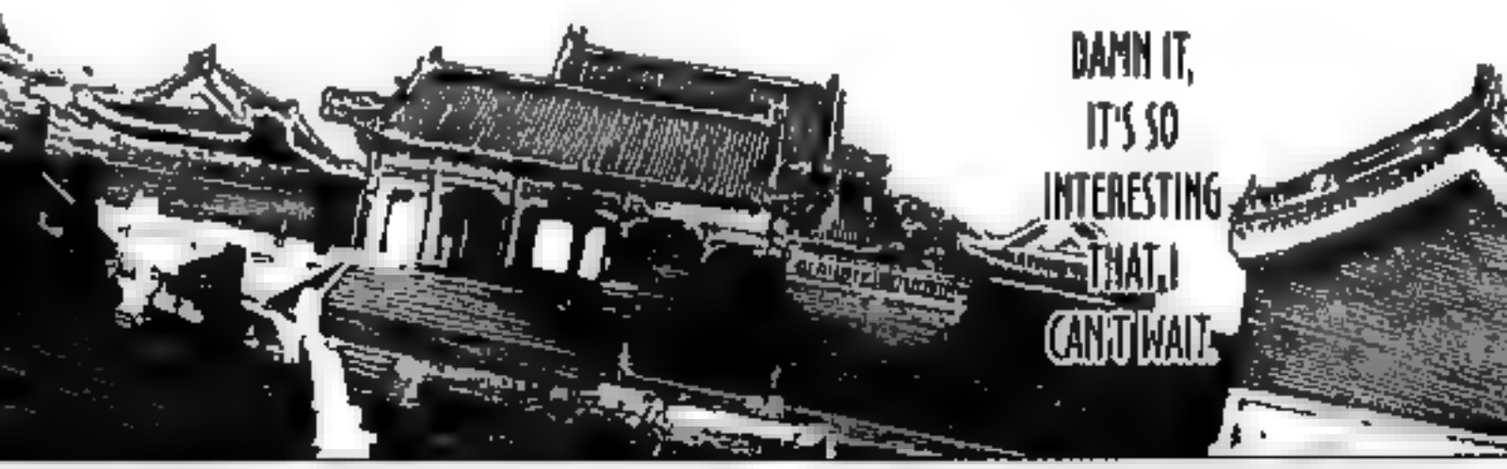
UNDER-STOOD?

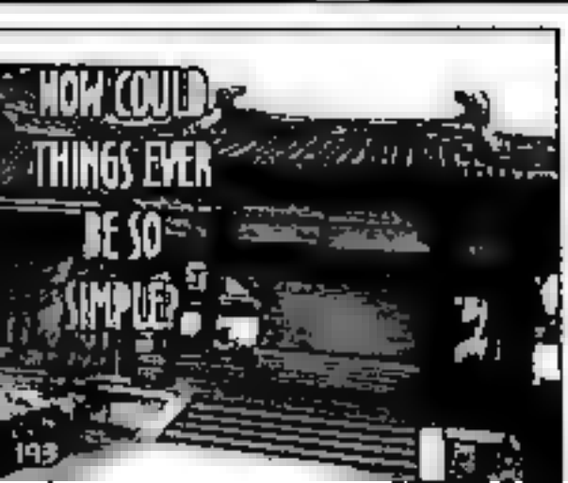
ZHANG LIAO, MY HEAD IS STARTING TO ACHE AGAIN
MASTER
WAS IT REALLY TRUE, WHAT THAT KID SAID? I'M AFRAID THAT THE SON-IN-LAW.
YOU MEAN?
L RL KNOWS

GENERALS, LÜ BU'S HEAD IS STARTING TO ACHE.
THEN LET HIM DIE FROM IT

NO ONE'S WATCHING QUICKLY
THINGS ARE BECOMING MORE INTERESTING
TO SCOUT THE AREA EXCELLENT! I WILL ARRANGE IT FOR YOU
OUT OF THE WAY!
MY ASSASSIN YOU'RE THE BOMB ZHANG LIANG'S RESERVE!
I WANT TO THE PALACE HIS!

PA!


DAMN IT, IT'S SO INTERESTING THAT I CAN'T WAIT.


HOW COULD THINGS EVER BE SO SIMPLE?
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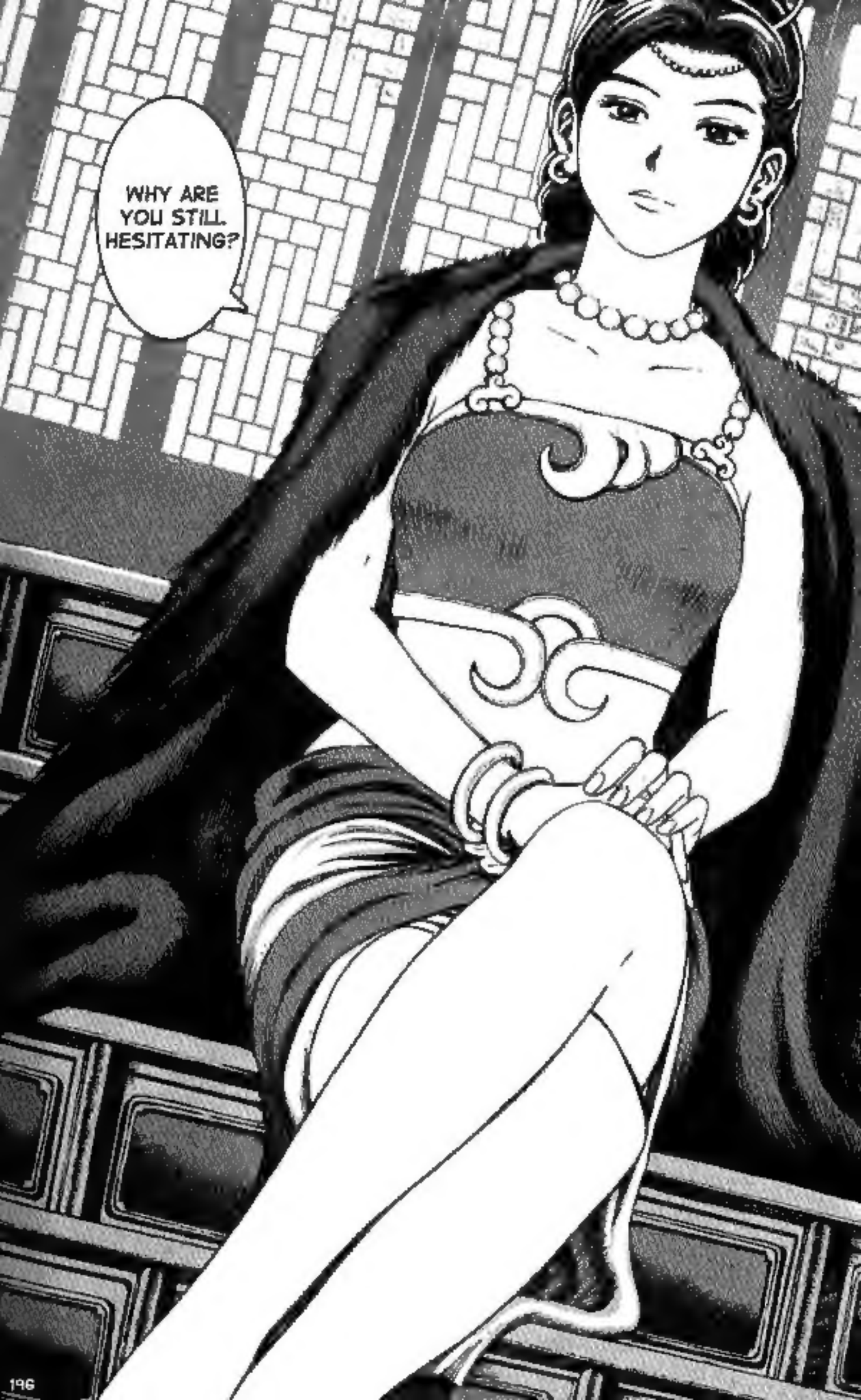
THERE ARE STRONG MEN EVERYWHERE.
府王
WANG RESIDENCE
ZHONGMA WAS RIGHT.

WANG YUN, WHAT ARE YOUR INTENTIONS?

LAST TIME IT WAS AT LUOYANG, AND THIS IS THE SECOND TIME?

SFX: GASP
YA
I KNOW EVERYTHING
DON'T THINK YOU'RE FOOLING ME.
SINCE DONB DAREN ALREADY KNOWS ABOUT OUR INTENTIONS.
FOSTER FATHER
IT'S... IT'S OVER!


WHY ARE YOU STILL HESITATING?

BETWEEN HESITATIONS,
AM I DIAO CHAN OR AM I DAJI?
I ONLY KNOW THAT THE WORLD
WILL CHANGE BECAUSE OF ME...

NOTE: DAJI WAS THE CONCUBINE
OF THE LAST SHANG EMPEROR
NOVELIZED IN "FENGSHEN YANYI".

END OF VOLUME
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